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## AMERICA EXPECTED TO END HER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VICHY

WASHINGTON, MAY 16 (REUTER).—FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE APPEAR TO HAVE COME TO AN END AND IT IS EXPECTED HERE THAT ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, WILL BE RECALLED SOON.

Strong American efforts to keep France out of the Axis camp appear to have failed.

The French demarche and the statement of President Roosevelt that it is "inconceivable" that France should accept any "collaboration" which would imply an alliance with the Nazi regime have wiped the Hess story from the front pages.

## ABYSSINIAN KEY TOWN TAKEN

British Campaign's Success

NAIROBI, May 16 (Reuter).—The capture of another Abyssinian key town, Sciasciamanna, is announced in to-day's official communiqué.

It states: "Operations in all sectors are proceeding according to plan. Sciasciamanna has been occupied and more prisoners were taken."

"In the southern sector, many Italian desertions are reported."

**King's African Rifles**

An interesting situation is developing in the southern sector of Abyssinia near Lake Sciala, where for some time, despite the difficult road and weather conditions, the King's African Rifles have been moving forward from Adama in a thrust towards Sciasciamanna past the central lakes.

After the capture of Fike, they pressed forward on both sides of Sciala, west of which, after crossing the Gidu River, they advanced to Bubbassa.

The Italians had decided on a heavy counter-attack with increased forces and had brought many batteries of artillery to bear.

After difficulties due to rain, an attack was launched on both sides of Sciala and hard fighting ensued in the Bubbassa region, but east of Sciala the British forces hurled back the attack and resumed the initiative.

**Prisoners**

Crossing the Dabunda River on Wednesday, the British forces captured nine light tanks, six field guns, four anti-tank guns and over 300 prisoners, including 20 officers, 400 European troops and over 100 Africans.

It was essential for the Italians that they hold Sciasciamanna, for its loss threatens the retreat towards Jimma of the powerful Italian forces still holding out southeast of Lake Margherita and on the roads leading to Diale from Yavello and Neghelli.

**KING OF CROATIA**

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—The proclamation of a future King of Croatia may be expected at the beginning of next week in the opinion of well-informed circles in Rome, states the German official news agency quoting a dispatch from the Italian capital.

## GIBRALTAR NEXT?

Nazi-Spanish Agreement

BERNE, May 16 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in Lyons state that an agreement has been signed between Germany and Spain, "authorising" German troops to use Spanish territory in order to attack Gibraltar," states a report to the "Tribune de Geneve" from Lyons.

"Spain would take a small part in this operation," continues the dispatch, "and in return Germany would supply her with food."

## Norwegian National Day Banned

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Norwegians are liable to be sentenced to death by the Nazis if they disobey an order forbidding them to celebrate their national festival tomorrow.

The Germans have forbidden any kind of demonstration, public or private, throughout the country, according to the Oslo radio quoted by the Norwegian Telegraph agency.

The Nazis have ordered that all work and business must be carried on as usual although this is traditionally Norway's principal national holiday.

**Death Penalty**

Any violation of this regulation will be punished in accordance with the German Commissioner's proclamation of March 21, 1941, prescribing the death penalty for "any interference with the smooth working of any undertaking of importance for German defence or for supplies of the Norwegian people."

## Soviet Protest At Hold Up Of Cargo

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter).—Soviet Russia has formally protested to the United States; it is learned here, against the detention of a Russian cargo of Argentine and Uruguayan wool and hides at San Francisco while in transit from South America.

Chief topic of conversation this morning is what is likely to happen to French possessions on either side of the South Atlantic, namely, Martinique, French Guiana and Dakar, in whose fate the United States is naturally very interested.

The French action has come as a distinct shock to the public as well as to the Administration and has brought here a new realisation how close and important the war is to the United States.

## RED SEA BLOCKADE

Roosevelt Defies Nazis To Try It

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 16

(UP).—At the press conference

to-day, President Roosevelt virtually

defied Germany to make a

blockade of the Red Sea effective.

It is recalled that the

United States has twice fought

undeclared wars on similar

issues.

The President declared that

the international situation is too

grave to permit him to answer

hypothetical questions because

he is operating on an hour to

hour, day to day basis.

He declared that the freedom

of the seas was an historic

American policy and asserted

that Germany's proclamation

that a combat area exists in the

Red Sea presented the question

of Germany's ability to make a

blockade effective there.

## Defence Reserve

Mr Joseph Harrop has been re-

assigned from the Combatant Group

to the Key Posts Group in the

Hongkong Defence Reserve, and Mr

Leonard John Davies has been en-

rolled in the Essential Services

Group.

Mr F. P. Anslow, Mr W. G. Calder

and Mr C. L. Clarke have been al-

lowed to quit the Hongkong Defence

Reserve.

Mr E. G. Price has been re-assig-

ned from the Combatant Group to the

Essential Services Group.

**Petain Gratifies Berlin**

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—

Marshal Petain's broadcast to

the French people yesterday was

received with lively attention in

Berlin, where the message was

seen in local political circles as

recognition of European col-

laboration, says the German

official news agency quoted by

the Berlin radio.

**Knox Sums Up**

NEWPORT, R.I., May 16 (Reuter).

—Colonel Frank Knox, United

States Secretary of the Navy, in-

terviewed here to-day, declared that

the "most dramatic development of

the past 24 hours was the turn-over

of the existing French Government

to the Vichy Government."

The Vichy Government, he said,

was in the clutches of the Germans

and was robbed of the direction of its

own affairs.

"It is in a Hitler squeeze and is

paying the penalty of being van-

quished in war," he added.

Colonel Knox expressed the opinion

that Hess was sane but under the

impression that someone had the

finger on him and that he was "two

jumps ahead of the gunman."

**Danger to U.S.A.**

After saying that "it was utterly

impossible to exaggerate the moral

danger of our country at this moment

of history," Colonel Knox, appar-

ently referring to France, said:

"What seems the subjugation of a

once great nation appears to be

accomplished by new factors which

have entered into this subjugation."

When reminding "listeners" that

President Roosevelt was bearing a

trifling burden on his shoulders,

Colonel Knox said that regardless of

feelings or political affiliation, "we

owe that man every measure of sup-

port possible. Ours is not to count

the cost; ours is to remember the

freedom given us as a precious

heritage."

**Petain Mailed**

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—

"The Times" diplomatic correspon-

dent says, "Last December Marshal

Petain opposed M. Laval's scheme.

It was clearly a breach of the

Armistice terms, and Marshal Petain

repeatedly said that he would co-

operate with the Germans only with-

in the terms of the armistice. Since

then, however, the Marshal has be-

come more feeble, capable of sus-

tained work for no more than two or

three hours a day. Much is kept

from him.

Parts of the new arrangement that

fit in with the armistice terms are

told him, the rest is withheld.

As for the French people as a

whole, even less is told them. All

news given a German twist, and

the British are portrayed as greedy

aggressors. So far, this propaganda

is little believed, but it is all they

get as news out of their Government.

**F.D.R. Stands By Speech**

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter).

—President Roosevelt at a press

conference to-day said that international

conditions were too serious for him

to interpret or to comment further

on the implications of his appeal to

the French people last night.

"He dismissed a barrage of ques-

tions seeking to draw him out as too

hypothetical.

One question was: "Would the

American Ambassador at Vichy,

Admiral Leahy, be recalled?"

**Over Vichy's Head**

A remark that his appeal to the

French people was made over the

heads of the Vichy Government was

Envoy Who May Be Recalled



ADMIRAL LEAHY

## British Success In The Western Desert

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—Continuing the series of operations which have repulsed the German five-pointed thrust and which have flung them back to their original positions, British troops consisting of infantry with mechanised vehicles and some small support by the R.A.F. have ejected the enemy from Sollum, Mysall, which is the upper Sollum village on top of the escarpment, and the Mussid Pass, six or seven miles southeast of Sollum.

## Bomber Fund Donations

Thanks to a cheque for \$15,000 received this morning from Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd., the Bomber Fund has reached a total of \$1,930,106.78, which means that only another \$79,893.22 is required to reach the \$2,000,000 mark.

Yesterday's donations in-

cluded \$10,000 from Mr and

Mrs R. Johannessen in com-

memoration of Norway's

National Day, \$3,000 from

Dr and Mrs J. W. Anderson

and \$1,000 from the "17th

of May."

## 7 NAZI FIGHTERS DOWNED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).

—A number of enemy aircraft

crossed the south east coast this

afternoon, but were promptly

met by strong formations of

British fighters who beat them

back.

Five enemy fighters were destroy-

ed—three by fighters and two by

A.A. fire. One British fighter is

missing but the pilot is safe, says an

Air Ministry communiqué.

**Total Seven**

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Two

more enemy fighters were destroyed

over this country to-day, making the

total seven.

**LATEST**

## Attack on Enemy Planes In Syria: One Burnt Out & Three Damaged

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 16, (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communiqué, stated that yesterday, the R.A.F. attacked Rayak, Damascus and Palmyra aerodromes, machine-gunning six German planes at Palmyra and carrying out similar activity at the other two.

The German aircraft aground at Palmyra included three Junkers 90—the first time mentioned on the eastern front—two other aircraft and an Italian CR-42 fighter. Three were severely damaged and one other was burned out.

"Full details are not available but preliminary reports state that large fires were started at the aerodromes and a considerable number of enemy aircraft destroyed."

The Fleet Air Arm successfully attacked the military barracks at Samawa, Iraq. A large number of bombs fell inside the compound.

German-occupied aerodromes in Greece were raided on Wednesday night.

**French Story**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BEIRUT, May 16 (UP).—A com-

munique issued by the French High

Commissioner to-day stated that 15

German planes during recent days

had made forced landings on Syrian

aerodromes and the French, accord-

ing to the armistice terms, procured

their departure as rapidly as possible.

The British, without warning,

bombarded Palmyra and Rayak on Wednesday

and Thursday, killing one

French officer. The barracks at

Beirut and the aerodromes at Damas-

cus and Rayak were machine-gunned

and several men were wounded.

The High Commissioner protested

to the British Consul General at

Beirut stating that the British action

constituted a flagrant hostility against

France.

On Wednesday, Achrifa, a suburb

of Beirut was machine-gunned and

seventeen aircraft landed at Mize

and several other villages also

received attacks.

**Using French Arms**

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—In the

course of a broadcast appeal to

Syria last night, General Georges

Catroux, the Free French representa-

tive in the Middle East, revealed that

800 tons of arms and munitions

drawn from French stores at Bal-

beck had been sent to Baghdad.

Enemy planes had landed at

Beirut, Rayak, Aleppo and Damascus.

Seventeen aircraft landed at Mize

and several other villages also

received attacks.

General Catroux concluded: "If

you choose to take up arms to chase

out the enemy, I am at your side

with eager French cohorts."

**Fires On Aerodromes**

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—Full

details are not available of the R.A.F.

attacks on Syrian aerodromes, ac-

cording to an official communiqué

which says that the preliminary re-

ports show that large fires were start-

ed on the aerodromes and that a con-

siderable number of aircraft were

destroyed.

The communiqué further states

that on May 13 and 14, eight German

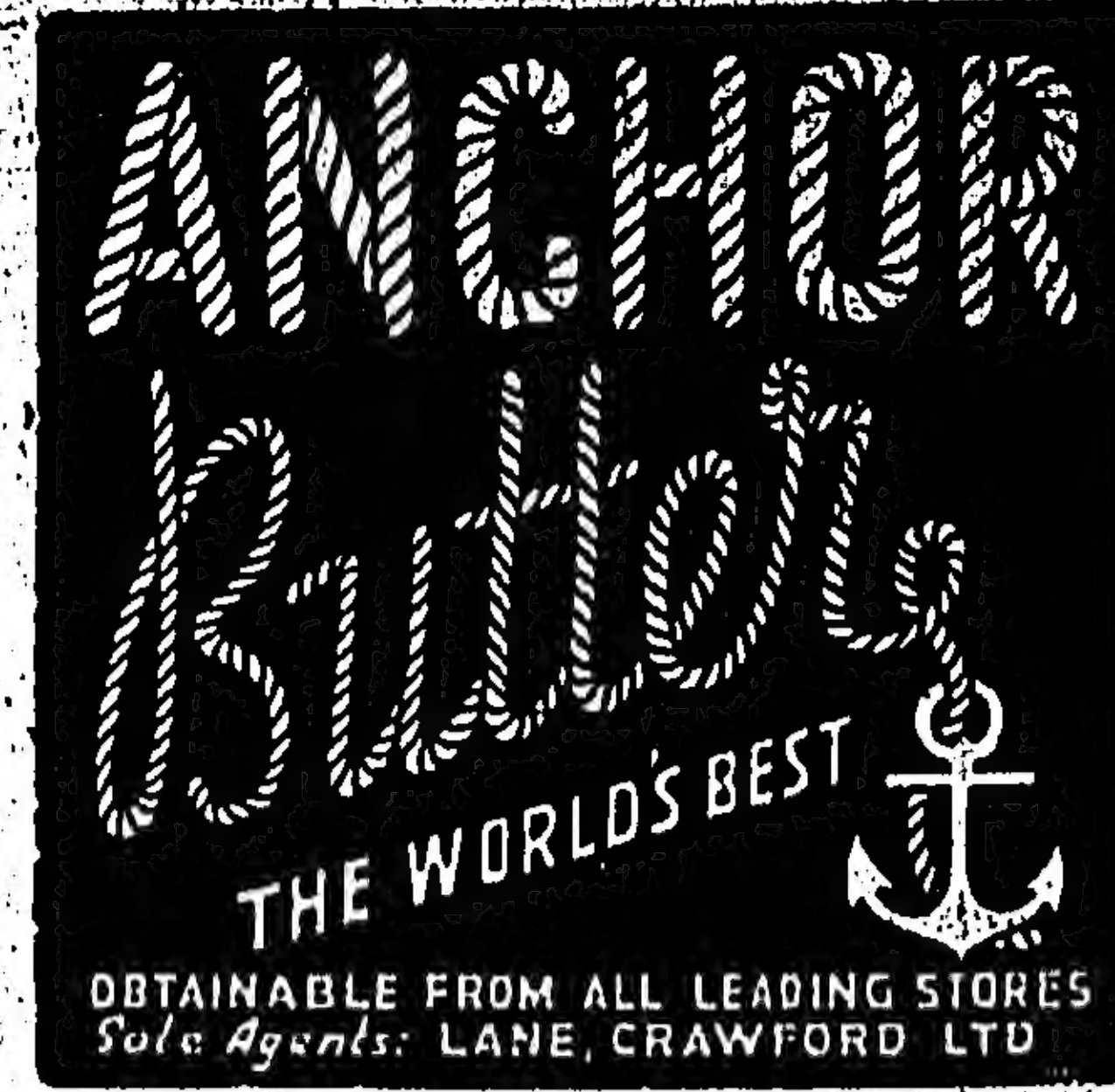
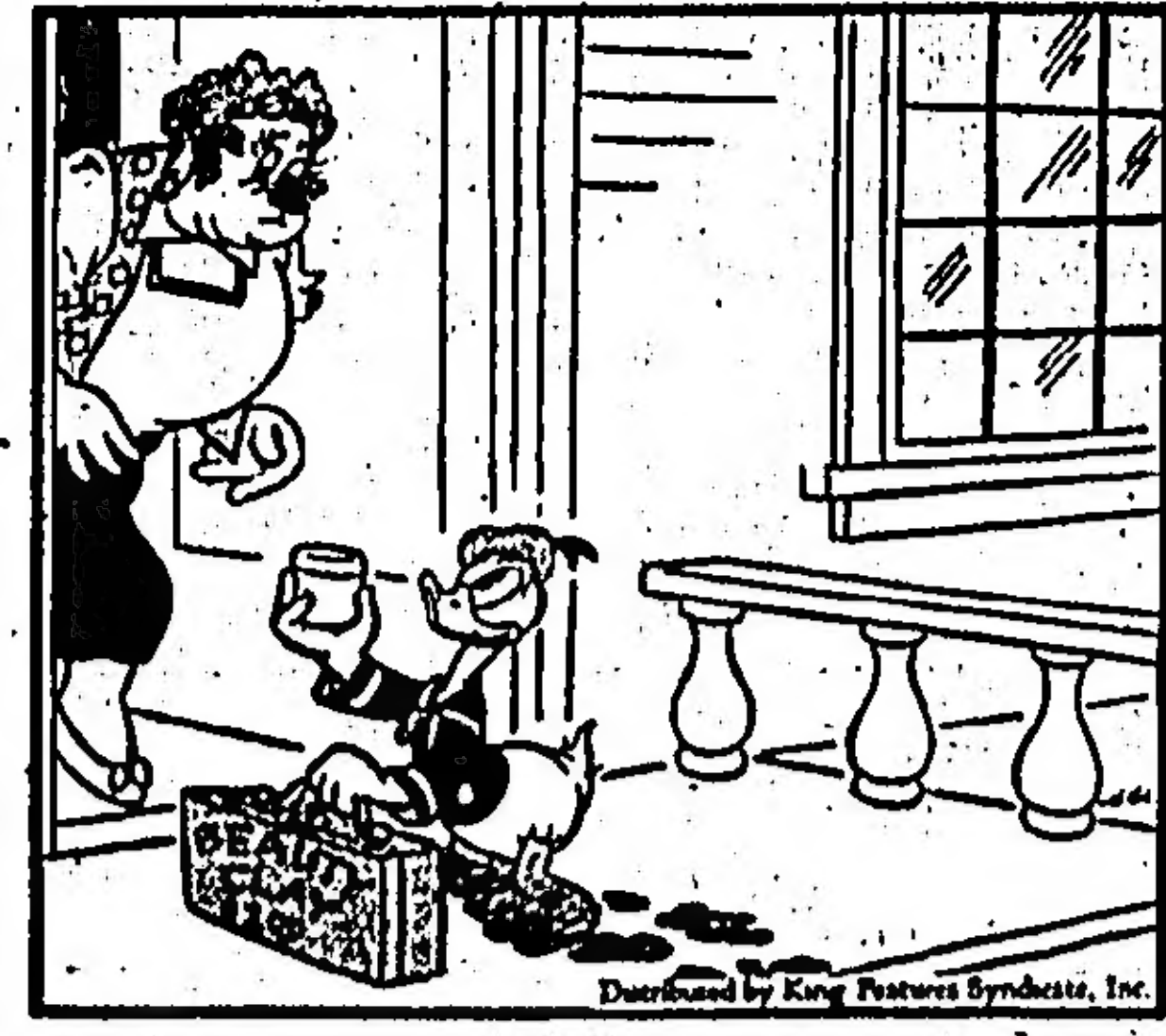
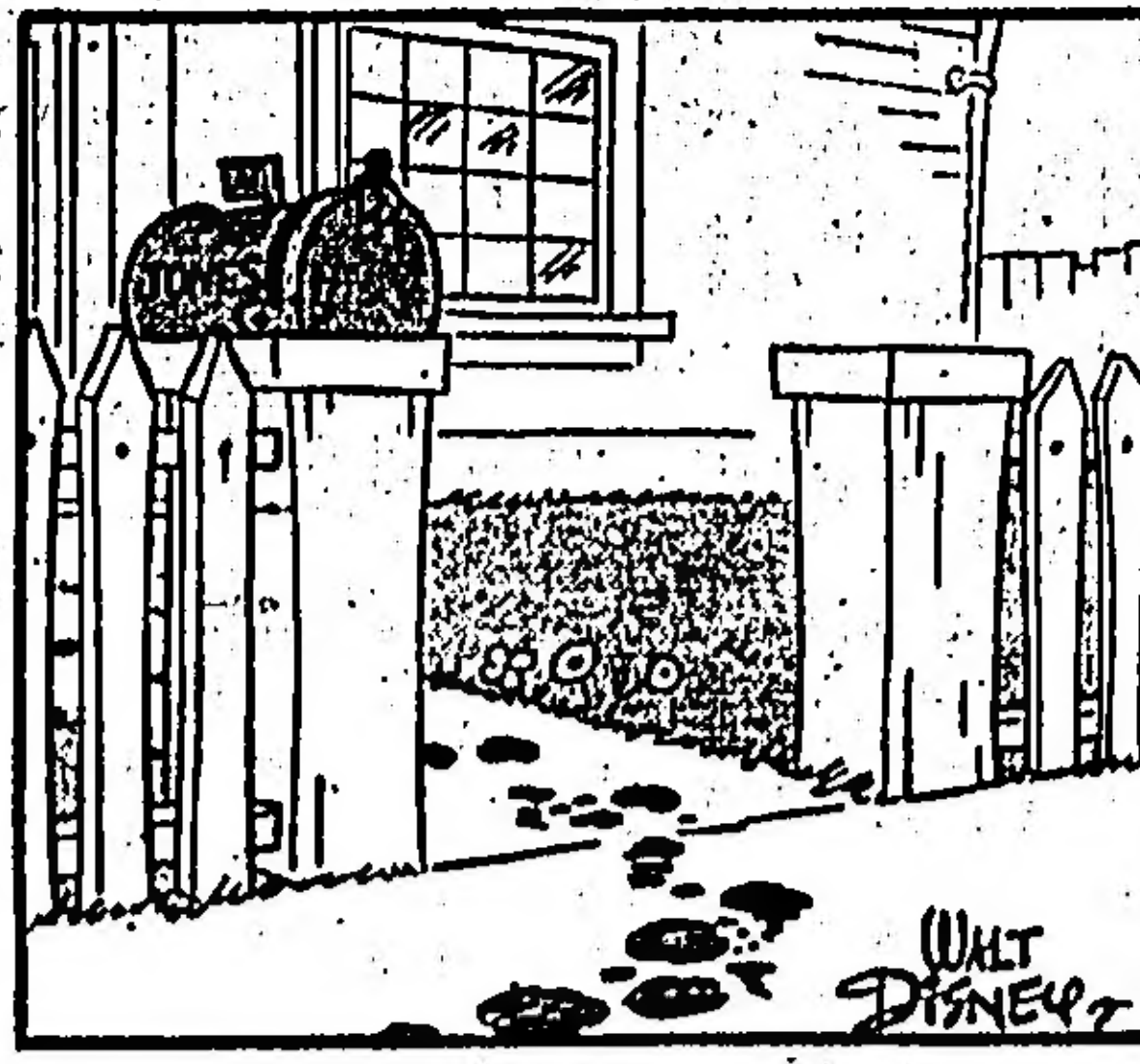
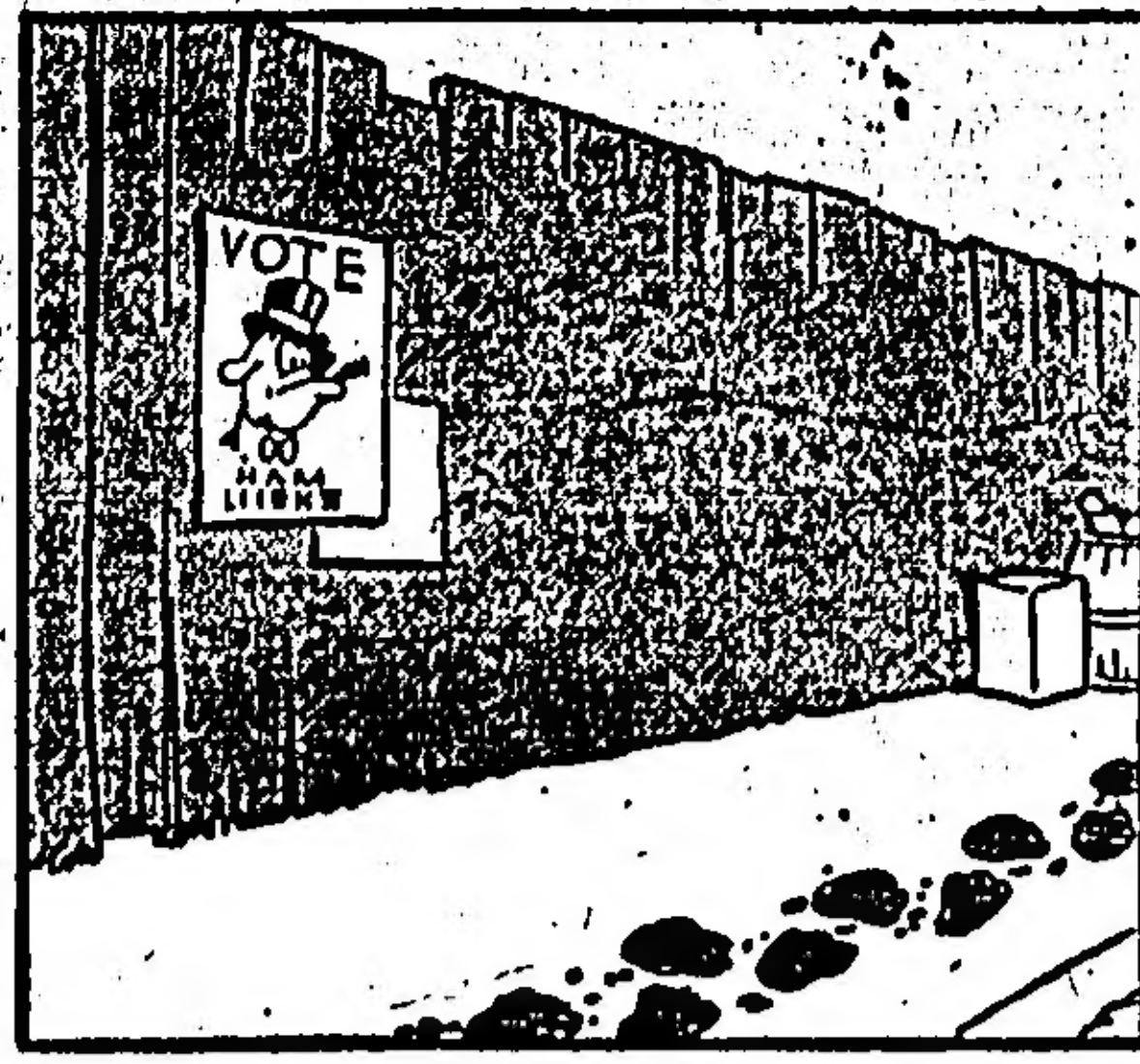
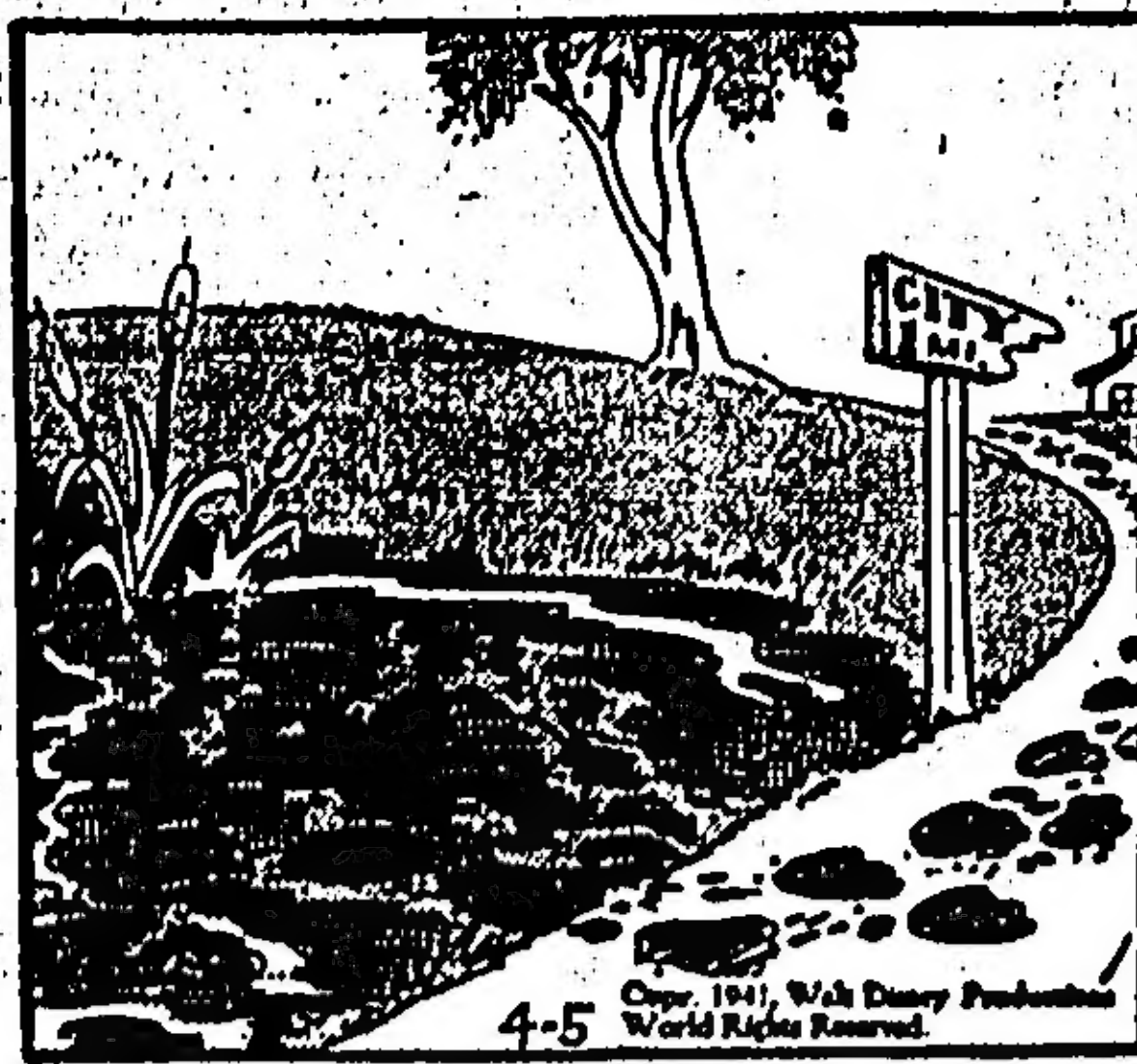
aircraft were destroyed over Crete







# DONALD DUCK



## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

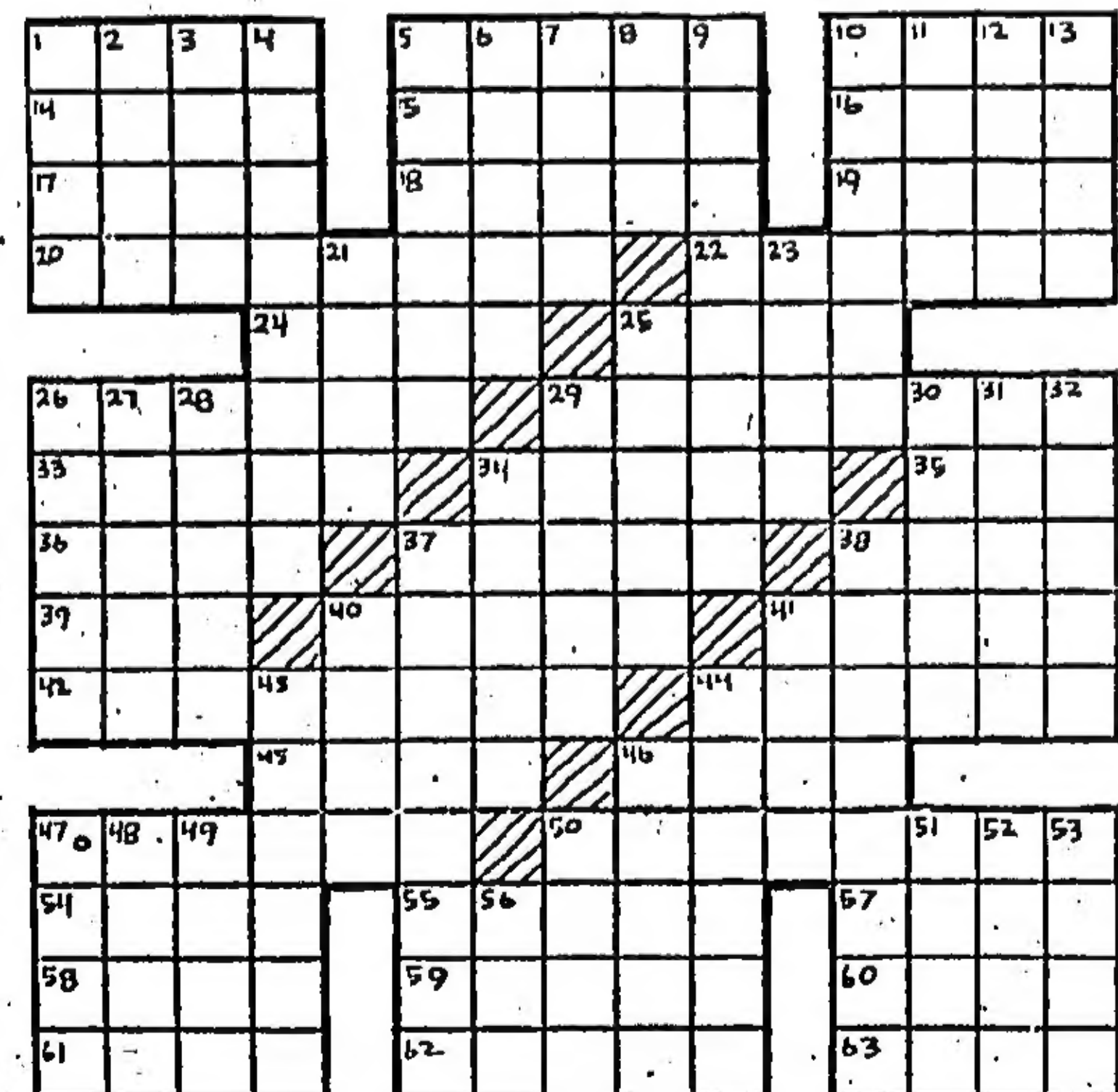


"I smoke only when the children are looking so they won't call me an old fashioned mother!"

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1—Mineral springs
  - 2—Fishes (Latin)
  - 3—Religious faction
  - 4—Rings
  - 5—Decorate
  - 6—All time
  - 7—First name of Charles Lamb
  - 8—Accented
  - 9—Silver in Africa
  - 10—Farming tools
  - 11—By word of mouth
  - 12—Metal-producing tools
  - 13—Patty (thru)
  - 14—Musical instrument
  - 15—Internated
  - 16—Long S-curves
  - 17—Shrink back, as from blow
  - 18—Swiss
  - 19—Small nail
  - 20—Funeral hymn
  - 21—Shower of small fish
  - 22—Communist
  - 23—Africa (French)
  - 24—Elevate
  - 25—Attached
  - 26—Boundary-line
  - 27—Protest
  - 28—Avenue
  - 29—Less regard to
  - 30—One disinterested in
  - 31—Of the airport
  - 32—Quiz
  - 33—Short letter
- DOWN
- 1—Strike
  - 2—Shall
  - 3—Spiced
  - 4—Kind of gem
  - 5—Turned earnings
  - 6—Before
  - 7—Proclaim
  - 8—Legislative body
  - 9—Wickeder
  - 10—Room in jail
  - 11—Wickedness
  - 12—Shore
  - 13—Clod of war
  - 14—Network
  - 15—Shore slightly
  - 16—Poisonous snake
  - 17—Unpleasant monster
  - 18—Beans
  - 19—Tobacco
  - 20—Fest
  - 21—Delete
  - 22—Prevent from acting
  - 23—Mailed
  - 24—Hurling in error
  - 25—In-store and
  - 26—Small rodent
  - 27—Utter loud cry
  - 28—Furnished address
  - 29—Makers of holes
  - 30—Turning element
  - 31—Tidley
  - 32—Sharp blow
  - 33—Auction
  - 34—English public school
  - 35—Tear
  - 36—Uncooked



## Detective Eyes of the ROYAL AIR FORCE

To the average man a photograph taken from the air is strangely puzzling. Even when the things it reveals are pointed out to him he may not be able to recognise them; often he wonders how anyone else can.

In these days the interpretation of air photographs is more than ever a closed book to the civilian, and if he hopes for enlightenment he may be discouraged. As an R.A.F. authority told me, "The whole thing is rather hush-hush." He put the position like this: "In other days the spy was either a daring fellow or a beautiful lady, who with almost incredible resource gained possession of the enemy plans—danger, codes, wireless, pistols, and all that. To-day we are more prosaic. A piece of bromide paper, a photograph taken high in the sky at 25 or 30 'grand', and there you are.

What it means to interpret photographs from 30,000 feet

By GEORGE FYFE

Thus equipped, and using their reasoning faculties, they embarked on the task of wringing information from the photographic print. Some of their discoveries have been astonishing, and equally noteworthy is the speed with which the results are communicated.

Principal details, affecting the course of the war from day to day are reported immediately to the authorities. Then exhaustive reports, embracing the very smallest points, are prepared, and within twelve hours of the landing of the photographic machine the reports are in the hands of all departments.

### After Print is Taken

"The air photographer, you see, has become the arch-spy in this war, and obviously we don't want to switch the searchlight on our own methods. That would merely help the sagacious Hun."

"That is all very well," I said, "but what about the person who sees a reproduction of some important air photograph, and often finds it quite impossible to locate the things you say are in it?" Is he entitled to be sceptical?"

"Certainly, if he feels that way. But you must remember that a newspaper reproduction of an air photograph, however good it may be, will never give you the clarity of the original. You can take it from me that the discoveries are actually there.

"Obtaining the photograph is only one-half of the achievement. The other half consists in interpreting the print. The fortunate circumstance for us is the consistent brilliance with which our interpretative work is being done."

I had an opportunity of appreciating the truth of his remark on my closer introduction to the methods of the small body of R.A.F. experts who interpret the photographs that are taken over the enemy lines. These officers bring to the work the attributes of the detective. As scientifically as Scotland Yard they analyse their material.

### Surveys Before the War

They know what to look for, and with equipment that includes other articles than magnifying-glasses and stereoscopes, they secure effects that seem to me almost magical. They can pick up a clue from no more than a shadow, a story from a shapeless smudge. Keen disappointment is theirs if they fail to gather something of importance from a tiny speck.

Specially chosen, they include pilots who gained unique experience in peace time. Their job was to carry out air surveys and to map country that was largely unknown. In this way they perfected a technique that is of peculiar value to-day. This knowledge, however, served merely as a basis when the war came. They supplemented it by intensive training, in the midst of which they had to familiarise themselves with the history of the war in all its aspects.

They were also required to become conversant with communication systems, and industrial and economic organisation in the hostile or occupied countries, and at the same time to study all subjects relating to the various armed forces in those areas.

### Example from Kiel

After this, it is not at all surprising to find that a shadowy mark of apparently no significance is a ship carrying a gun, of which—the dimensions—are known. And barrage balloons that cannot be observed by the naked eye are counted for you up to a total of 14.

What is achieved by interpretation becomes the more remarkable when you realise that many of these photographs were taken from 20,000 ft. or so, and some from 30,000 ft. The light, of course, has a great deal to do with the results obtained, but even when it is poor and the expert examiner has, so to speak, to grope in the dark, he is rarely defeated in his quest.

The clear photographs, sharply defined, are a joy to see, particularly when they deal with stirring achievements. The photograph of Kiel harbour, reproduced in these pages a few weeks ago, provides a striking example of the successful use of the spying purposes.

Germany has, no more important dockyard and port than Kiel, no place that is more strongly guarded. Yet we are able at will to fly over and discover our targets there, bomb them, and go back again for pictures of the damage done.

As the airman so often depends for future guidance on the accuracy of the interpretation of his prints the R.A.F. is not always content with a single photograph of any important point. A further photograph may be taken later, and in that way changes in the scene are recorded and cross-references can be made on a debatable point.

An exposure after a fall of snow, for instance, may be particularly valuable, for a snow picture, compared with earlier ones of the same scene will reveal things not previously fully perceived or understood.

It is just that same quick wit and specialised knowledge which enables a pilot to identify from trial and economic organisation in the hostile or occupied countries, and at the same time to study all subjects relating to the various armed forces in those areas.

Intelligent deduction plays a large part in interpretation. For instance, the Kiel photograph, in addition to revealing the location and condition of most of the main German Fleet, showed two vessels which were reasonably assumed to have been employed before the war in the transport of "Strength-through-Joy" trippers, and are now almost certainly being used as troop transports.

### Must be Trustworthy

Similarly, it was confidently deduced that curious streaks shown in the water of Kiel harbour were caused by ships travelling through a film of oil that had been liberated from a pipe-line we had demolished with a bomb. It is characteristic of the interpreter's thoroughness that he should specify this oil as a high viscosity, probably with an asphaltic basis.

Deduction is regarded as permissible in estimating damage not always observable. Thus the clear evidence in the Kiel photograph that the roof of a main power station had been pierced, and that the roof of the torpedo and gun store in the naval arsenal had also been hit, gave useful information.

With the knowledge the interpreter has of the penetrating power of the bombs used on that occasion he could safely conclude that the internal damage must have been very extensive.

At the same time fantastic claims are strictly avoided. Interpretations must always be adequately based.

## Teutonism Versus Latinism

By J. Daly

Hitler decided, and Mussolini agreed, that Germany should have air bases in Sicily. This has intensified attacks on British ships, but exacerbated the bitterness between Germany and Italy. What is gained on the swings of strategy may, in fact, be lost on the roundabouts of sentiment.

The first significance of this news is strategic; the second is really illuminating. For over a thousand years Italy has been throwing back Teutonism north of the Alps. The age-long struggle between Teuton and Latin was born when Alaric the Goth sacked Rome with a savagery not much inferior to the barbarism of Hitler, the German, in Warsaw.

At last, when Venice was freed from Austrian hands seventy years ago and a unified Italy stepped out upon a liberal career, it seemed that Teutonism had been definitely thrown back across the Alps and the struggle ended. But when I first read that Heinkel and Messerschmitts had landed in Sicily, I recalled the remark that an eminent Peruvian made to me recently in Lima: "It has remained for Italy, the mother of the Latin world, to commit the great Betrayal." He referred to Mussolini's stab-in-the-back at France, but his words were even more prophetic: It is the whole Latin civilisation, which was born on the shores of the Mediterranean, that has found its Judas in the Duce.

### Act Of Treachery

It is one of Italy's tragedies that since the fall of the Roman Empire, nothing great has long flourished there. Luxurious civilisations have come and gone; great achievements have had no sequel. Political tragedy broods over this lovely land and it is no wonder that so many of her sons have found a wider freedom and a surer future in the pampas of Argentina or the broad coffee lands of Brazil. The supreme curse has now fallen, and by an act of treachery to the heritage of all Latin peoples, Mussolini has taken Teutonism by the hand and led it to the shores of the Mediterranean. Sicily has shared in this Italian destiny. In the heights above Syracuse, the glories of Hellas met their fatal term. The splendid civilisation of the Mornay Sicily, one of the great achievements of the Middle Ages, was destroyed by the terrible insurrection of the Sicilian Vespers. Henceforward Sicily sank into insignificance. For a brief period the amazing adventure of Garibaldi redeemed her story from the commonplace, until the tragedy of the thirteenth century was crowned by the Betrayal of the twentieth.

We need not pursue the Duce into the inner recesses of remorse. A man, guilty of such crimes, may sell the seat of the Caesars but cannot adorn it. France and Spain have found to their cost what his meddling interference means. The betrayal of Latin civilisation would, indeed, have been complete, if it were not for the fact that—happily for the world—it has taken deep root and grown to fruition in the New World.



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## U.S. INDUSTRIAL STRIKE SCENES

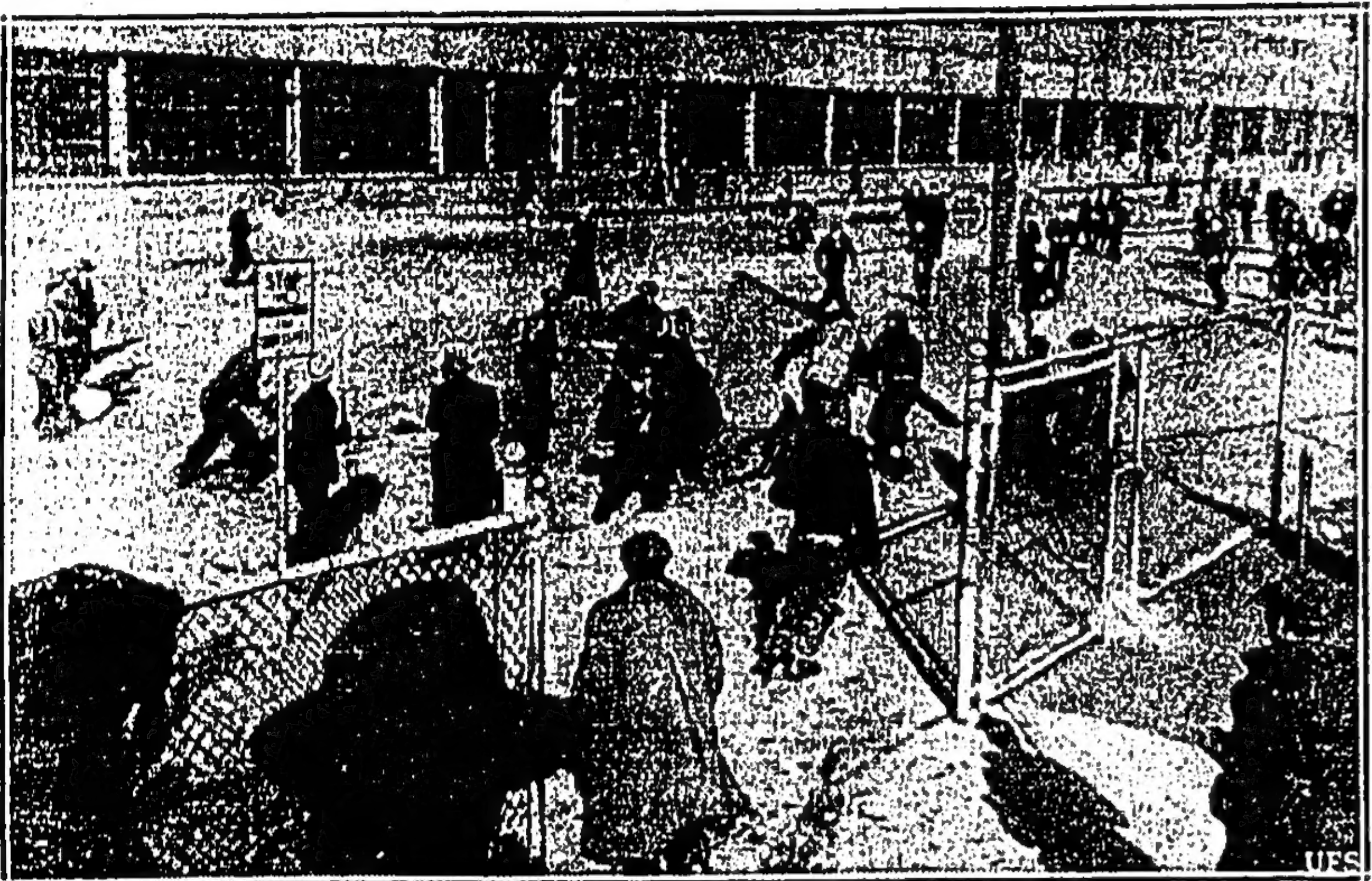
The camera records vivid scenes in the recent industrial strikes in the United States in these pictures, which have just reached Hongkong.

The top picture shows a line of strike pickets marching in front of the Bethlehem (Pennsylvania) steel plant. State troopers are on guard to ensure free passage for all men who wanted to work.

The middle picture shows a clash between C.I.O. strikers and workers at the

huge River Rouge plant of the Ford Company, at Dearborn, Michigan. Workers rushing from the plant are met by the strikers, and in the ensuing clash, in which knives, razors, iron bars and brickbats were used, more than 100 persons were injured and had to be sent to hospital.

In the lower picture, pickets at the Ford plant are seen closing in on a time-keeper who tried to go to work. The Ford Company later secured a court order restraining pickets from interference.



## Serious Diesel Fuel Shortage in Thailand

BANGKOK, May 16 (UP).—Thailand will have completely exhausted her reserves of diesel fuel by June unless her stocks can be replenished before that time, official circles reveal here.

Diesel oil is highly important to Thailand. Her power plants, river tugs, buses and some of her factories run on diesel. Exhaustion of her stocks would deal a heavy blow to Thai economy. Rice exports would almost cease, inasmuch as most of her rice must be drawn by diesel burning tugs to Koh Sri Chang, an island in the mouth of the Menam Chao Phya, 50 miles from Bangkok, where ships with deep draft must anchor for loading. Entire towns would find themselves without light or power. Important industries would be forced to shut down.

Thailand uses approximately oil and gasoline to this country 4,000 tons of diesel fuel per year.

Normally, about the same amount of gasoline is used. Most of this has come from the United States in the past. But the American licensing law suspended the shipment of steel drums to Thailand, and on the basis of this country's steel drums, in the absence of normal consumption before the war, were used for carrying war. Steel drums for oil were

also said to have been up for reconsideration. Should drums be released, gasoline reserves, with rationing, can be made to last until supplies can be obtained from America, it is believed.

Early in April the Thai government chartered a Philippine tanker to load 6,000 tons of diesel fuel at Richmond Virginia. Officials reveal that word has been received from Manila that the Philippine Government had requisitioned the vessel.

In a last effort to obtain diesel fuel before supplies are exhausted, Nai Vilas Osathanond, Minister of Publicity and President of the Thai Maritime Navigation Company, has left for the Java to negotiate for the purchase of Javanese oil.

The New York correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" says

## CHURCHILL should visit ROOSEVELT

I SUGGEST Churchill makes a flying visit to America to confer with Roosevelt.

Over the White House desk closeted with Roosevelt he could achieve more in a few hours than all Ambassadors, envoys, and special representatives could achieve in a year.

It would be a flight and mission that would stir the entire democratic world; it would provoke scenes of enthusiasm in America unmatched since the visit of the King and Queen.

His discussions with Prime Minister Mackenzie King resulted in the joint defence plan for the United States and Canada.

They met in a train, had dinner together, just the two of them. They smoked and talked and studied the situation. It took only a few hours, and when they said good-bye it was all worked out.

There is, of course, the question of safety and the consideration of whether Mr Churchill

By Don Iddon

The trip need take only two or three days of Churchill's time. He could fly each way.

I put my suggestion forward after trying it out on United States political leaders.

At first they said it was breathtaking, impossible of fulfilment, completely out of the run of things.

Later, when the thought had sunk in, they came back and said if it could be done—why, it would be tremendous.

### Precedent Of Last Year

BEFORE France fell Churchill, and Chamberlain before him, used to slip over to confer with Daladier and Reynaud and Gamelin. It was vitally necessary that in personal conversation the men who headed Britain should plan Allied strategy with the men who headed France.

No one thought there was anything sensationally unorthodox in these visits.

To-day the United States is Britain's Ally—fully fledged official 100 per cent., though as yet non-belligerent. The two countries are bound together against the forces of aggression, and their leaders have much strategy to plan together, feel it a great landmark in his perhaps more than Britain and own career and that of Churchill ever had. Roosevelt is an ardent believer in the efficacy of personal conference.

could be spared from England for even a day or two.

As regards the hazards of such a trip, it seems to me that living in bombed London offers as much danger as flying the Atlantic in war time.

The second consideration hardly stands up.

Churchill himself has stressed the overwhelming importance of American support in this war and has made it plain that relations between Britain and the United States are a most abiding concern.

A three-day journey to America and back, hours of conversation with Roosevelt and other American leaders, would clinch those relations for generations to come.

### Effect On The World

THE benefits from a meeting hardly need emphasis.

The effect on already shaken Italy, on awakened France, on Turkey, and on every nation everywhere, including a Germany, though as yet non-belligerent, would be extremely apprehensive, would be treacherous. It would chill Japan against the forces of aggression.

The President himself would much strategy to plan together, feel it a great landmark in his perhaps more than Britain and own career and that of Churchill ever had. Roosevelt is an ardent believer in the efficacy of personal conference.

### Private Life of a Private

## WAR BY NIGHT

Being a further instalment of the dark. For why? Because from the diary of a journalist cause you don't know what's underneath it.

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SOON the night will swallow the world like a pill. There is a dark threat of dirty weather. Clouds are jostling and crowding in like racecourse toughs about a bookie's stand.

"Corp-er!" says the Man from Leicester. "Yow ever done any foighting at noight?"

"Yuh," says Corporal Bearsbreath.

"What's it, loike? Is it noice?"

"Whaddaya mean, is it noice?"

Whaddaya think it is—a tea-dance? It's all right."

★ ★ ★

THERE is something charmingly naive about the Man from Leicester. Life has pushed a him around a little, yet he seems to retain something of the innocence of a child. "Do it frighten yow?" he asks. "If you let it," says Bearsbreath. "But you just ain't got to let it."

"How do you stop it letting it frighten yow?"

"Look 'ere," said Bearsbreath. "A man might be a who has known fear, swallowed born 'ero. See? 'E might 'ave fear, and who now fears nerve enough to go for Joe nothing, not even fear."

"Ah-ah," says the Man from Leicester, fondling his battered other, everybody's a bit afraid nose."

"There might be an army round you; you might be all on your Darby-and-Joan you just don't know, so you're a bit nervous."

"I've done sentry go in France by moonlight. It gets you jittery at first. You see ruddy creeping men in every shadow."

★ ★ ★

"YOU feel you can be seen miles away, but that everything else is hid."

"But when you get the 'ang of it, why, then you begin to see of things for what they are."

"You get to know the difference between what is real and what ain't real. And let me tell you something—once you know that you're never afraid any more."

"You, Leicester, ave you ever been punched on the nose?"

The Man from Leicester laughs shortly, half-insulted.

"Yet the first time you saw him around a little, yet he bit I bet?"

"So did yow, and so does anybody."

"There you are, then."

★ ★ ★

BEARSBREATH turns towards us his sour, hard-bitten face—the face of a man who has known fear, swallowed born 'ero. See? 'E might 'ave fear, and who now fears nerve enough to go for Joe nothing, not even fear."

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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

One-Third of the Human Race Eats

# RICE

By T. Paul Gregory

THE PRESENT becomes the familiar *paak-shortage* of the daily Chinese RICE in Shanghai and the menu, taking the place of decision of this Colony to bread.

supply the northern port As rice may be prepared have concentrated public attention on the problems connected with China's staff of that one could partake of a life. As the staple food-different form of it every stuff of at least one-third of day for several months and the human race, it is inevitable not exhaust the resource-table that anything, fullness of the Chinese chef, nected with its scarcity, No wonder the Cantonese increase in price or abnormal that life without it is mal market demand should not worth living, and even at once become front-page designate those who have passed on into eternity as news.

Rice constitutes a larger *m-shik Kwongtung mai*, that part of the diet of the Asiatic is, "no longer eating Kwang-masses than the product of tung rice!"

any other one plant. It is, moreover, so intimately bound up with the daily life and customs of the people that it is probable that all Orientals have a different word for almost every particular form of it. This is especially true of the Cantonese, who call the young shoots or sprouts *yeung*, the plant while growing *woh*, and the unhulled grain *kuk*. The cleaned grain forms the *paakmai* (literally "white rice") of commerce. When boiled it

Actually, the amount of rice grown in the Middle Kingdom is hardly sufficient for its teeming millions of consumers but, strangely enough, much is exported as a luxury grain to many parts of the Asiatic littoral. Thus it happens that the Chinese farmer family growing rice often cannot afford to eat the produce of its own paddy-fields but has to depend on the cheaper imported product for sustenance.

In the province of Kwangtung three main qualities of rice are grown, the best being produced in the Shatin district of the New Territories. Indeed, so superior is the Shatin product that it was formerly included in the annual tribute dispatched to the Emperor at Peking!

Although practices vary in different parts of the province, the sowing of the paddy-fields usually commences in late February or early March, and transplanting of the tender shoots takes place about a month later. By late June the rice is ready for harvest, and shortly thereafter the fields are prepared for the second sowing. Thus two crops are usually obtained before November.

THE RICE HARVEST is one of the happiest times of the Chinese rural year and is the occasion of great activity. The heart of every peasant rejoices, and aged grandmothers croon rustic ditties to the children in celebration of the ripened field:

"Ho woh ah!  
Ho saang-lei ah!  
Kat-tai kua noon-mei,  
Yan-tsai chan foon-hei;  
Woh-keng tai yue lei,  
Woh-yip tai yue chan,  
Tui-yan chan foon-hei,  
Siu-yi sui-hei-hei!"

which may be somewhat freely translated:  
"A good rice harvest (signifies) good business to everyone!  
Hang up the tangerines above the door,  
Young and old are truly happy,  
The paddy stalks are as big as pears,  
The paddy leaves are as large as boats,  
The grown-ups are truly pleased,  
And the youngsters giggle delightedly!"



Helpers at the recently-opened "fair price" depot in the Central Market, which is one of many centres where rice is being sold at Government prices. These depots have served to break profiteering by dealers. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

THOSE WHO HAVE WITNESSED the action of the descending pestle serves to polish the grain, and the process is hastened by the employment of powdered chalk. After being sufficiently polished, the rice is emptied into a large sieve and the dust shaken off, leaving the grain clean and white. Such in brief is the story of the Chinese staff of life. In a nation, where so many of its population are so gravely concerned with the rice problem, it is understandable how the common greeting to friends should long ago have become the familiar *shik-choh faan mei ah*—have you eaten your rice yet? Indeed, this salutation sums up in a few words the paramount importance of the cereal grain to the Chinese masses.

## CLOTHES FROM DOGS' HAIR

An elderly Sussex woman is using odd pieces of firewood and old rags to make into expensive-looking dolls for children who have lost their homes in the bombing of London and other big cities.

Carefully sewing the rags around the firewood and then painting in the features, she has already made many dolls, some of them for children evacuated from the Channel Islands.

Many people are learning to dye and spin the hair from their dogs' coats into wool to knit into comforts. One woman weaves these wools into cloth, which she then has made into costumes and skirts.

Another woman has a hobby of making things out of rubbish. From all types of waste, such as fish bones, fruit stones and pickings from the waste paper basket, she has made artificial flowers, blotters and toys.

THE FINAL PROCESS of preparing the rice for domestic use is that of polishing. In many rural households this is still done by use of the *ch'ung-hom*, a large stone mortar in which works a heavy pestle, raised by

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The depots have been besieged daily by hundreds. Above, an interesting picture of the customers. Below, prospective purchasers queuing up to pay money. They get receipts in return, which they exchange at another counter for parcels of different quantities made up conveniently. (Photos: Ming Yuen).





# Tulsa Team In Duo-Exhibition Games

## Week-end Baseball At Caroline Hill Softball Still Going Strong

(By "BALL FAN")

TULSA'S mighty rip-roaring diamond aces, dead-set favourites to cop the Colony baseball pennant this coming season, and the hottest team so far in this year's southern balmy spring training sessions, will be out to cash in with two more pre-season exhibition wins as they tackle Flatbush "hot potato" Hamelin's Royal Engineers at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon, and head into a tough tussle with the H.B. Brewers to-morrow morning at 10 a.m. Both games have been carded for the Caroline Hill sand dunes.

Girls softball nines are booked to hold off-season "pow wow" games as Dave "Dixie" Walker's redbird Cardinals saunter across the bay and up the heights for a "big affair" with the rookie Truelight students at their Stubbs Road ball park this afternoon at 4 p.m.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes expect to take a win from Eddie Marques and his Standard Oilers in a girls' v. men's picnic game at the Oilers' spacious grounds in far off Lai Chi Kok to-morrow afternoon at 4 p.m.

SWITCHING on the "full steam" sign as the march to the opening day flag-pole hovers into sight, Oslie Oszajac's Tulsa gang are all pepped up to take their fourth and fifth spring training games in their dual fracas with the Royal Engineers and Kultonjee's H.B. Beermen.

Uncle Sam's ocean going ball players have already rounded into mid-season form and have come through with tremendous clouting power in a clean sweep through all opposition, since their initial appearance on the diamond this year.

Led by third sacker Maxie Maxwell and dynamite Al Simmons, power willow-wielding is emphasized to the utmost right down the entire American batting order, and in coming through with three big scoring wins already this year, the powerful sailors have shown a real disregard for local hurling.

Sapper moundman Barfield as well as H. B. slasher Dave Leonard will probably be in for a torrid session out there on the hillcock when they stack up against the terrific clouting of the night. With the return of Terry and Leonard, and George Sousa to the Brewery lineup, Dave Leonard's ball tossers should give the favourites a tough battle. The old bam hurried steady, confident ball last week in his initial appearance on the mound to render the Sappers with five lonely bingles.

The Beer-makers have a snappy infield combination in Terry Leonard, Arturo Oslie, George Sousa and A. K. Omar, who are continuously in there snatching at the breaks, but they lack the dynamic clouting qualities of Tulsa's "murderous row."

Newcomer Oslie Arcull should add more power to the H.B. run-making attack this year and will probably hold down a regular spot at the platter.

THIS afternoon's Cardinal v. Truelight tilt will be a real humdinger, with the schoolgirls, fresh from their victory over the Chung Hwa Maroonettes, trying to make it two straight with a win over Dave Walker's strong Redbirds.

The Cards have already decided on a set policy of continuing practice all summer in preparation for an "all out" pennant bid when the season rolls around next autumn.

Hurlers Eddie Babida and grandma Hutchinson will divide the Redbird mound toiling with the fireball Betty Fitzgerald sharing a lightning Cardinal infield "hot potato" game.

Coch Walker has moulded together a lineup of eager playing beauties who are continually giving their level best. The red-legged Cards finished the past season in a blaze of glory, coming through with overwhelming, high-scoring wins in their three final league games.

Truelight's student nine are expected to pin their faith on play with air-tight fielding, and with Margery Woo and Rosie Lau sparking a rookie infield.

Schoolgirl Lai Bik-wong has been forced to the sidelines with an injured finger this past week, but is expected to take her spot on the slab to-day in an effort to halt the dangerous Redbird slugger.

A genuine picnic softball fracas has been set for to-morrow at 4 p.m. when the Maple Leaf Canuckettes clash with the Standard Oilers at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a "femmas v. hommas" fray. In their last game played at the Marina grounds, the Maple Leaf cuties hold Eddie Marques and his dare-devil Oilers to a seven-all tie after a heated seven-inning game.

Swimming will be included on the programme after the ball tilt and the Canuckettes are providing a light lunch to make it a real day's outing.

The Oilers are slated to stack their A. A. Lopes, Eddie Marques battery against the starry Canuckette femmes. C. M. Xavier will be back

## Weekly Wind-up

Successful homers by Maxwell and Simmons, powerful Tulsa slugger, last week, just about highlights all spectacular spring training features this year—Slugging is not only confined to big, robust ball players—Many small players have had their share of slugging fame—We've seen "Pee Wee" Reese, Brooklyn Dodgers' mighty mite at shortstop, crashing them out for terrific homers at Ebbets Field in Flatbush.

Dame rumor states that the A.R. P. are dicker to put a team in the girls' softball loop next season.

Forrest Loong's six putouts in the outfield last week were real rays of glittering sunlight in the big Chung Hwa defeat—Forrest is a typical silent star player who is out there giving his level best always.

Ty Cobb, the Georgian Peach, has challenged Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, to a series of exhibition golf matches, with the proceeds to go to "bundes for Britain"—Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, eccentric Chicago Cub pitcher, is not as dizzy as his nickname sounds—His annuities are supplying him with a weekly income of U.S. \$75.00.

Incidentally, Ty Cobb was one of the original baseball stars to make hay while the sun shone—He is generally reputed to be a millionaire now.

A league baseball meeting has been called for next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the offices of the Texaco Co., Asia Life Bldg.

## To-day's Lawn Bowls League Schedule

THE following are the lawn bowls league matches for this afternoon:

FIRST DIVISION	
Recrelo "A"	v. Police
C.C.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
S.C.C.	v. Recrelo "B"
Indian R.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "A"
K. Dockers	v. K.B.G.C. "B"

SECOND DIVISION	
Recrelo	v. Prison O.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. K. Tong
Kowloon C.C.	v. H.K.F.C.
Taihook	v. C.C.C.

Third Division	
C.C.C.	v. Indian R.C.
K.B.G.C.	v. Kowloon F.C.
H.K.F.C.	v. Recrelo
Police R.C.	v. Electric

at the initial sack with Chan Wah-hei and Francis Ng accepting all chances at the keystone, and To King-eh third.

Elvie Yuen, whippet outfielder who has been on the sidelines this past year, will return to the Maple Leaf fold to-morrow, and should add five-chasing power to a weak outfield. The lasses will open up with their Mary Ng, Dot Louie combination with Rene Yuen, Ulan Khoo, Rosie Louie and Alice Mor forming a formidable inner defence.

The Oil men are gunning real hard to take a win from the Canuckettes in this "off-site" and are pinning for a high-scoring "May Day" win.

## Schedule BASEBALL

To-day at 2.30 p.m. Tulsa v. Royal Engineers.

To-morrow at 10 a.m. Tulsa v. H.B. Beer.

To-morrow at 2.30 p.m. South China v. Mindanao.

To-day at 4 p.m. Cardinals v. Truelight at Stubbs Road.

To-morrow at 4 p.m. Canuckettes v. Standard Oilers, at Lai Chi Kok.

## Bitter Pill For Pacific Coast Baseballers

Edict:—"No Arguing With The Umpire"

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Pacific Coast baseball players must in the future be showmen and gentlemen.

That's the dictum set down by President W. C. Tuttle of the Coast League as the clubs were poised for the opening of their season.

It is well known that a ball player's stock-in-trade is his privilege of "laying down the law" to a "blind" umpire. Veterans will tell you that is half the fun of the game. Under these new rulings, the lads must meekly murmur a gentle "thanks" to the ump when he jerks his right thumb aloft.

No Fraternizing

To give the game a little more rivalry, Tuttle has decreed that players of opposing teams may not fraternize prior to the game. Nothing was said, however, about tossing the players a little raw meat to get them in the mood for the fracas.

The players were told to give their all to make the games scrappy, but at the same time they have to keep a strong grip on themselves and not "conduct yourself in a manner to be obnoxious to the spectators."

Another thing, when an umpire orders a player off the field, he means it the first time he says it, Tuttle declared. In other words, no arguing with the umpire about any decision whatsoever.

For the majority of these infractions fines of \$10 will be imposed, Tuttle said.

## Baseballers Find Golf Helpful To Timing

NEW YORK.—Some day, says Fred Corcoran, the baseball clubs are going to be taking golf pros to the spring training camps as casually as trainers, rookies and vitamin pills now are taken.

This might seem akin to taking a bean shooter on a lion hunting expedition, and under several pounds of pressure Corcoran will admit the wish is father of the thought, as he is tournament manager of the P. G.A. and the welding of baseball and golf would mean a couple of months extra work of 16 pros.

However, he backs up his statement with arguments, and a glimpse of a ball team's baggage indicates this idea of "mixing oil and water" isn't so far fetched, at that. The number of golf bags leaves some doubt as to whether the squad is getting ready for a nine-inning game or a 72-hole medal play tournament.

"Ball players have discovered that the best way to keep in condition is to play golf," Corcoran argues. "Just notice the real veterans still playing ball—Foxe, Hubbell, Grove, Paul Waner and the others. They're all golfers. You walk about six miles during a round of golf. That's great for the legs. Babe Ruth started playing about 1918, used to sneak out mornings to get in his round before games. In those days ball clubs frowned on golf, although the Cubs considered taking a pro to camp as far back as 1920.

"And you will notice the ball players are pretty fair golfers. Wes Ferrell, Jigger Statz, Dick Bartell, Sam Byrd, and Hank Leiber, Paul Derringer, Paul Waner, Mervyn Sheen will flirt with pur. Most of the baseball men hit a long ball off the tee.

Much in Common

WHAT I'm getting at is that there is a lot in common between hitting a baseball and hitting a golf ball. I know golf is an unnatural game, that the form is contrary to instinct.

"But the elements of timing and wrist action are the same. Sam Byrd, who has become a fine tournament golfer since quitting baseball, says one game helps the other, and as for the conditioning part of it, Ty Cobb, who had a 72 on the other day and whose handicap is down to five, says golf is the greatest leg conditioner there is.

Members of No. 2 Section soccer Team, F.R.E., winners of the inter-Section Competition for 1940-41. Front centre Lt-Col Lamb, R.E., Spr. Fox (capt) and Major Grose.—Ming Yuen.

## COLONY WATERPOLO TEAMS PRACTICE Preparing For League

CONSIDERABLE pre-programme activity is taking place in Service and Y.M.C.A. waterpool circles, and games have taken place during this week, and will take place to-day and to-morrow in the Royal Navy and Army pools, it being obvious that practice in these two pools is essential for many of the teams who have hitherto confined their activities to the Y.M.C.A. pitch.

## Week-end Fixtures

THIS MORNING at noon, Navy "A" (one of the Destroyers) will meet R. Corps of Signals in the Navy pool when the strength of the Senior Service should be gauged.

They have several useful men, among whom Paul and Rutter, the Navy soccer custodian, are outstanding. Lt Carter, who captained the victorious Navy Triangular Rugby Tournament XV, is also a member of the side, although he is shortly leaving Colony.

To-morrow morning, R. Scots, who have been greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Capt Bennett, an Army chaplain who is attached to them, meet the Y.M.C.A. in the Army pool.

The Tournament, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., makes a start on Tuesday night when Middlesex "A" meet Y.M.C.A. in the Army pool, and Navy "C" encounter Signals in the "Y" pool.

The first game is likely to be the best of the earlier fixtures and although Y.M.C.A. in the past, have invariably beaten Middlesex, the bigger pitch is likely to prove a disadvantage to them despite their superiority in practically all phases of the game.

## Thursday's Match

On Thursday, evening, Royal Corps of Signals, winners of the Large Units Waterpolo tournament last season, entertained the "Y" in a friendly fixture and although beaten 4-0 fully extended the Civilians.

The Signals have a very powerful team but were inclined to underestimate their opponents and even conceded a goal when the "Y" lost the services of Paul, their left winger, who was ordered out for drifting.

The "Y" team only contained five regular members, Paul and Ure, of Navy and Middlesex respectively, being the outsiders. Paul will play for Navy "A" and has to date been their most consistent goal-scorer, while Ure, one of the finest constructive halves now playing waterpolo, will captain Middlesex "A" in the League. Play in the first half was very fast, but poor passing under difficult conditions—the light was peculiar, and the ball was often out of sight when lofted—saw many fine scoring chances go begging.

## Good Attack

THE Signals had a promising attack, while Bedford, centre half, marked very closely and did well in opening up the game in the closing stages of the first half.

Outstanding performer for the home team was Bennett, who gave a "sunny" exhibition in goal and was hardly responsible for at least two of the goals, which were the result of bad marking by the full-backs.

Allen, centre-forward for Signals, secured the ball every time from the swim-up, but the Signals did not take the initiative in attack.

The whole object of securing the ball is for the side to initiate the attack before the opposing team has had time to settle down. The Army pool, being very big, lent itself admirably to this, but it was lost on the Signals, who gave the "Y" an opportunity of swimming up and taking their respective men before they could offer any threat.

## Fast Game

PLAY in the second half, when the "Y" attacked in the shallow end, did not lose any of its tempo and "Y" playing constructive waterpolo swept all before them, scoring three goals.

The "Y" forwards broke away quickly when their defence was in possession, and as a result paved the way for the openings, although Paul wasted one or two opportunities by erring shots from the wing instead of lobbing into the centre.

Army in 1934, first broke her own record in the first qualifying heat by sailing four-tenths of a second off the Brooklyn standard.

Then, Miss Lane won the second qualifying heat by finishing in three-tenths of a second less than Miss Walsh's Brooklyn record.

When the two women met in the main race, Miss Lane came out ahead, doing the distance in 25.1s. Miss Lane later came back to win the 50-metre title in 0.8s. In Atlantic City's convention hall, Little Purfoy of Tuskegee Institute took the 50-metre hurdles championship in 9.1s.

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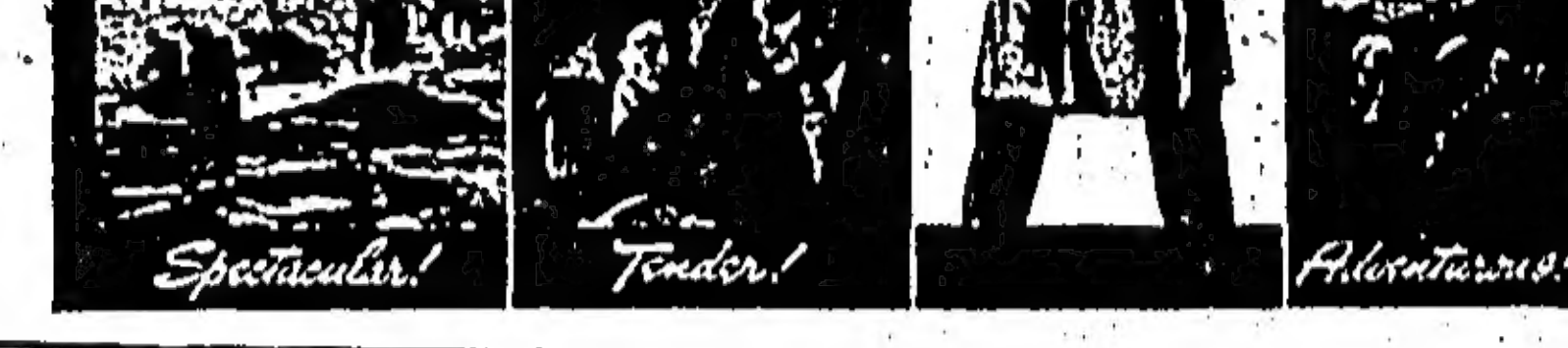
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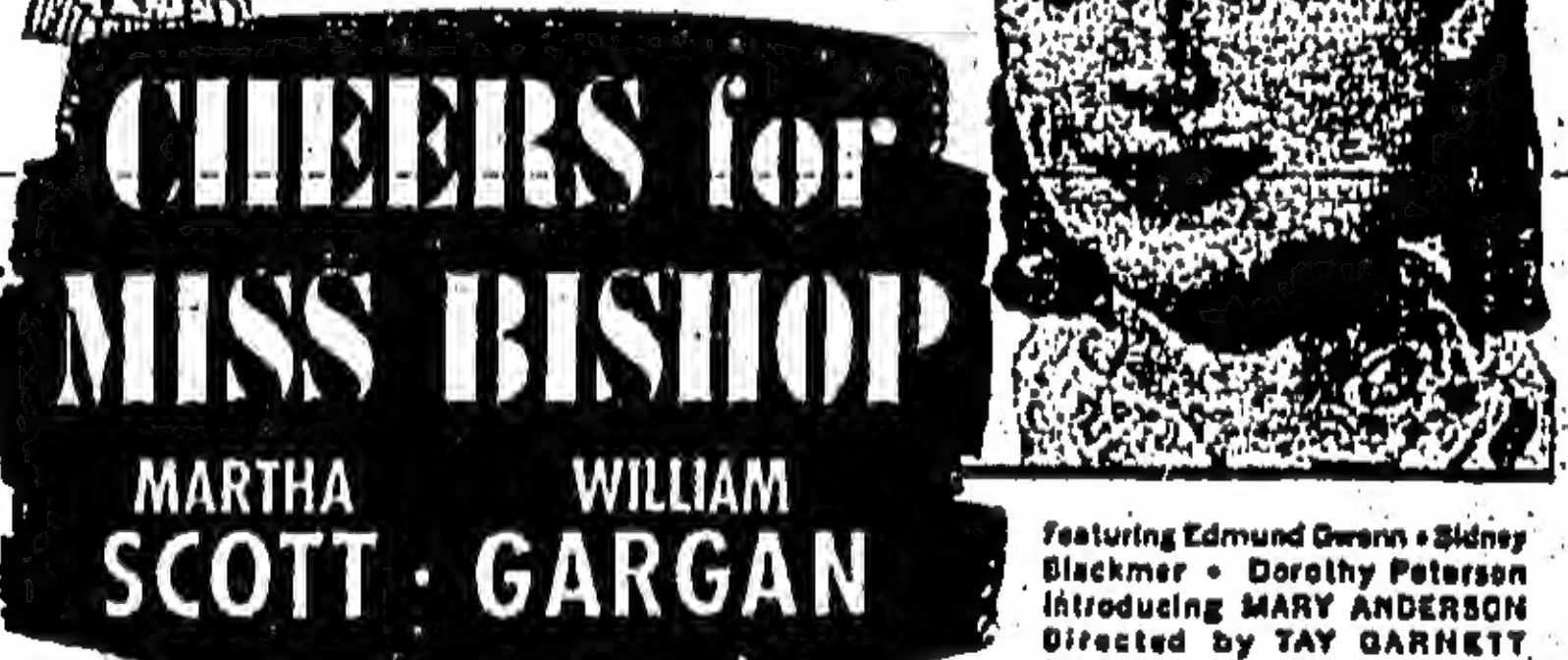


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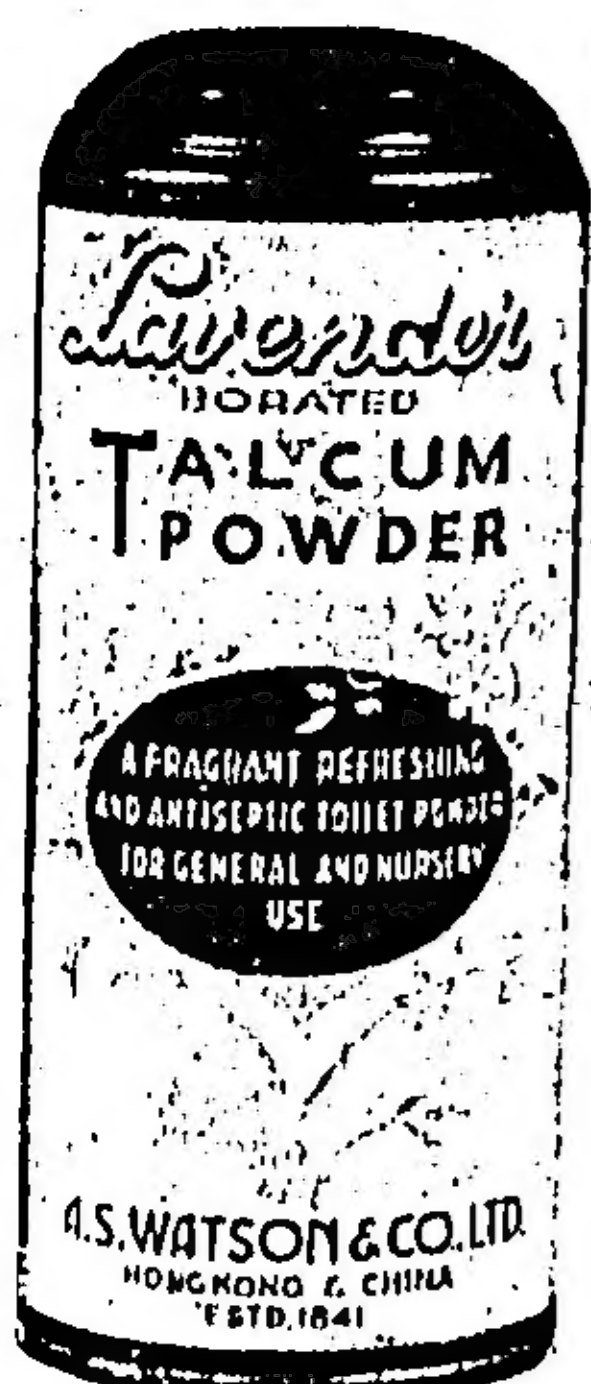
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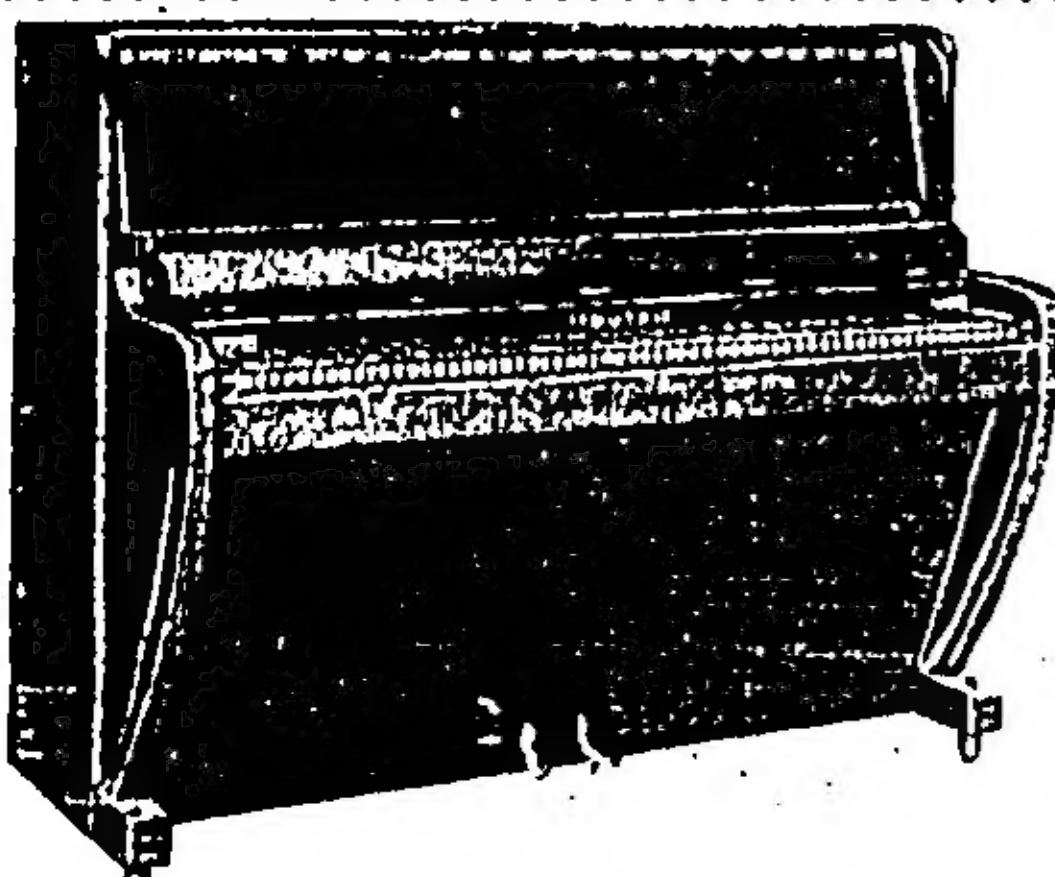
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## COMPANY MEETING China Emporium Increased Turnover

Taking the Chair at the annual general meeting yesterday of the China Emporium, Ltd., in the absence of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, who was ill, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong reported a profit of \$249,434.57 for the year under review, and stated in the course of his summary that despite war conditions, there had been an increase in turnover as compared with the previous year.

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong said: "At this, the ninth annual meeting of our Company, it is a great pleasure for me to be able to report to you another year of success."

During the year under review, there was an increase of turnover as compared with that of the previous year; in spite of the fact that the European War was at its height, the shipment of goods was made extremely difficult and Hongkong itself was affected in more than one way. The evacuation of European women and children reduced our patronage to a considerable extent. At the same time, the fall of our Chinese National currency has weakened the purchasing power of a certain section of the buying public. It is, no doubt, a matter of the utmost satisfaction to you and your Directors that, under such unfavourable conditions, we are still in a position to report a fairly prosperous year.

**Immediate Concern**  
Our immediate concern, however, is that, with the whole world under threat of war, how long will it be possible for the Hongkong market to maintain an uninterrupted supply of foreign commodities to meet the varied choice of our customers? We sincerely hope that we will overcome any commercial disadvantages which may be ahead of us by the good will of our customers and potential customers, together with the untiring efforts of our staff to serve and to satisfy them.

In view of the hard times in Hongkong during last autumn, the Board of Directors advanced a month's salary to the staff to enable them to provide food against emergencies. Since the cost of living has continued to go up, the Board has further decided to waive one half of this advance which amounts to about \$4,000. We trust that this action meets with your sympathetic approval.

The Directors' proposal to pay a dividend of 80 cents per share and the bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers and staff is in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. The redemption of the Company's Debentures for the current year amounted to \$100,000 for "A" series; plus a drawing to the value of \$40,000 for "B" series, making a total of \$140,000. Thus the Company's liability is much lightened and its financial position is ever more secure.

**Profits Distributed**  
I propose that we will pass the Directors' report, the profits of the past year being distributed as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share. \$100,000.20

## LETTERS

British War Organisation  
Fund Flag Day

The Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—A letter has been received from Mr. Marshall Sir Philip Chetwood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Red Cross and St John War Organisation, asking our co-operation in promoting an Empire-wide Flag Day. At a meeting convened by H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester at St James' Palace, the date of this Flag Day was fixed for Thursday, June 5, 1941.

We in Hongkong have so far refrained from a Flag Day in deference to the many local calls, but the Committee at home feels that a Flag Day, held on the same date in every part of the Empire, would be an inspiring proof of our unity of purpose. Very heavy calls are now being made on the Red Cross resources for the help of victims of air-raids, for service in sending food and clothing to Prisoners of War in German internment camps, for help in the campaigns in North Africa, and the Middle East, furthermore the Ministry of Health has asked the War Organisation to organise and staff 400 auxiliary and convalescent hospitals in Britain, with accommodation for 20,000 patients.

In the course of his address, broadcast in January of this year, Sir Philip Chetwood stated that the one object of Red Cross work is to supply help immediately to the sick and wounded, the prisoners and the miserable, whether Service or civilian, and that for all places at home hard hit by this war on civilians, the Organisation was able to find at the shortest notice extra nurses, material for blood-transfusion, necessary serums of all sorts, drugs, hospital garments and comforts, money, transport and ambulances.

We are confident that the public will give generously to make outstanding our Colony's contribution to the Empire Flag Day, June 5.

K. H. EDMONDSTON,  
Chairman, Entertainment Committee, B.W.O.F.

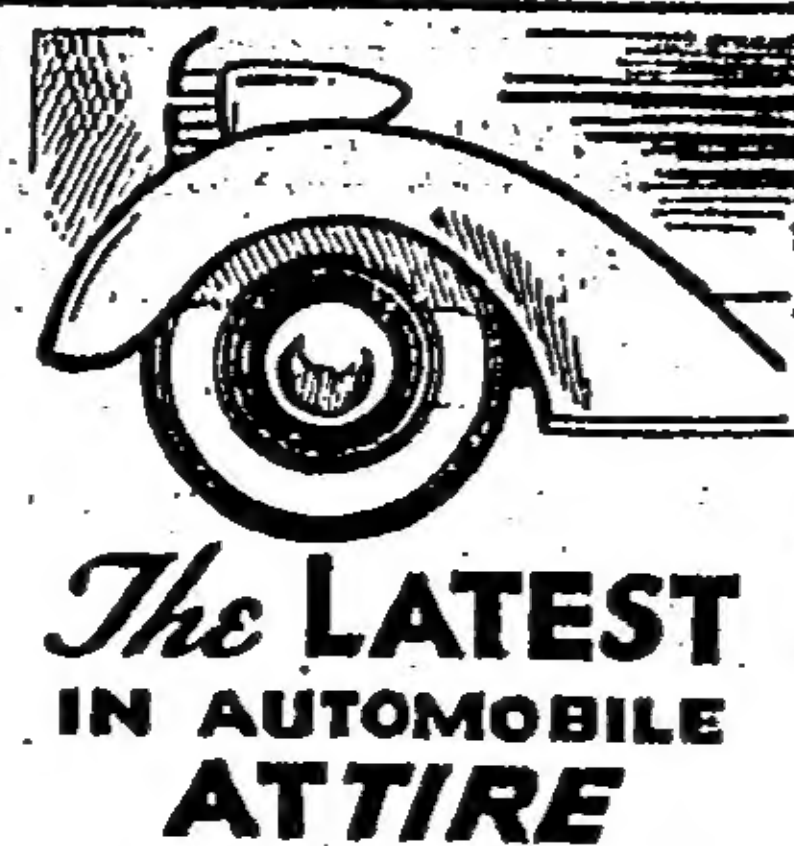
## American Seaman Dies After Fall from Ship

Herman Lalgar, seaman of an American freighter, died at Kowloon Hospital at 1.35 p.m. yesterday. He was admitted to the Hospital just after midnight following a fall from a height of 35 feet from a ship on to the railway lines at Kowloon Wharf.

The late Mr Lalgar was rushed to Hospital after the accident but was not unconscious. Yesterday morning his condition worsened and he died.

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This was recorded by Mr B. Wong Tape and carried unanimously.



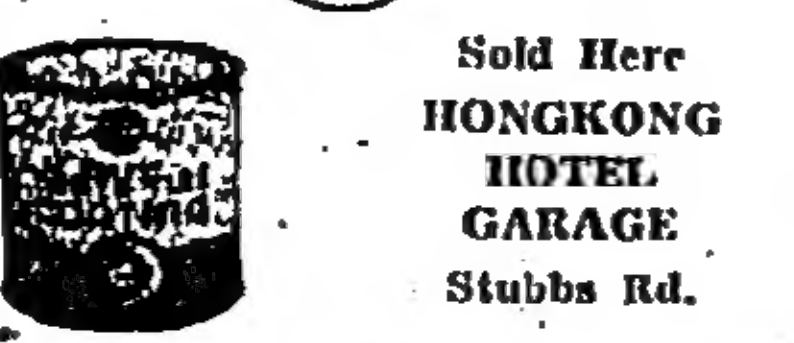
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A RAKE'S PROGRESS

NO war has been long waged before even the most credulous person learns to be wary of all war news when it comes from the enemy. This may be said of the present war more than of any other. Means of swift transmission all over the world are such as never were before, but the chief reason is that the Nazis are the most unscrupulous liars that ever went to war. Nobody outside of Germany or German influence believes a word they utter.

Apt pupils are the Italians, or rather the men who have the work of drawing up the daily bulletins for the misleading of their unfortunate fellow-countrymen. But truth leaks out some time and rumour may justify herself.

Examples are plentiful. Taranto was one; another, the alleged circumstances of the failure and disgrace of Marshal Graziani. The different parts of the story fitted in and made a convincing whole. But the planner of the catastrophic Libyan campaign was Mussolini. Graziani foresaw complete ruin, but the Duce, convinced he was infallible in war as in everything else, imperiously compelled him to go ahead. More recently there has been the Italian version of an attack on British warships in the Mediterranean, which was typical of Mussolini in his vainglorious and lying best.

But these inspired accounts are in entire agreement with what is known of the character of Mussolini. "I shall make my own life my masterpiece," was one of his favourite maxims. Mussolini, even in youth, says one of his biographers, longed for power over other men—power for its own sake, not as a means to an end, but as the conquerors of history have always loved it. And another of the Duce's boasts: "Equal, not Never! With him who represents the Government of the State no one may claim an equality." That is the type of man who, whatever be his first triumphs, usually ends by plunging his country in ruin.

## C R E T E

TO-DAY, British forces are in Crete; archaeologists there, and on the Greek mainland, are burying the treasures of the ancient civilisations to protect them from the bombs of a new barbarism. More than 3,000 years ago, before the traditional date of Moses and whilst the Jews were still in captivity, a high form of civilisation existed in the island of Crete.

It vanished, leaving scarcely any trace except in the later Greek legends of the Labyrinth where the terrible man-bull Minotaur lurked, claiming annual tribute of youths and maidens until he was slain by Theseus.

The discovery of this civilisation was largely achieved by Sir Arthur Evans and other English archaeologists. Their excavations revealed the buried glories of this Minoan culture, the great palace-state of Knossos ruled by Priest-Kings, its frescoes, delicate fineness-work and statuary. Greatest triumph of all was their discovery of the Labyrinth where the skull bones of great horned bulls shed a new light on the Minotaur myth.

These Minoans lived under conditions of extraordinary man and animal sacrifice—rites of brilliance, freedom and piece-fulness. Their economy later civilisations but gave the was more modern in some ways world some of its grandest than the civilisations of Greece-poetry.

Unbaked tablets engraved with undecipherable hieroglyphics are all that remain of their language and literature. How they fell and why no one knows. Sudden only all records of the Minoans vanished, their cities perished and their name lived only in tradition until their lost civilisation was rediscovered in the early part of this century.

Many centuries later, St Paul, a prisoner, "sailed under Crete, over against Salmone (Acts XXVII, 7) and his ship was, exceedingly tossed with a tempest." And then it was that Paul, the prisoner, took command in the name of the Lord, directed the sailors and conspired how to act. The ship ran aground and they landed on the island called Melita, where "the barbarous people showed us no little kindness."

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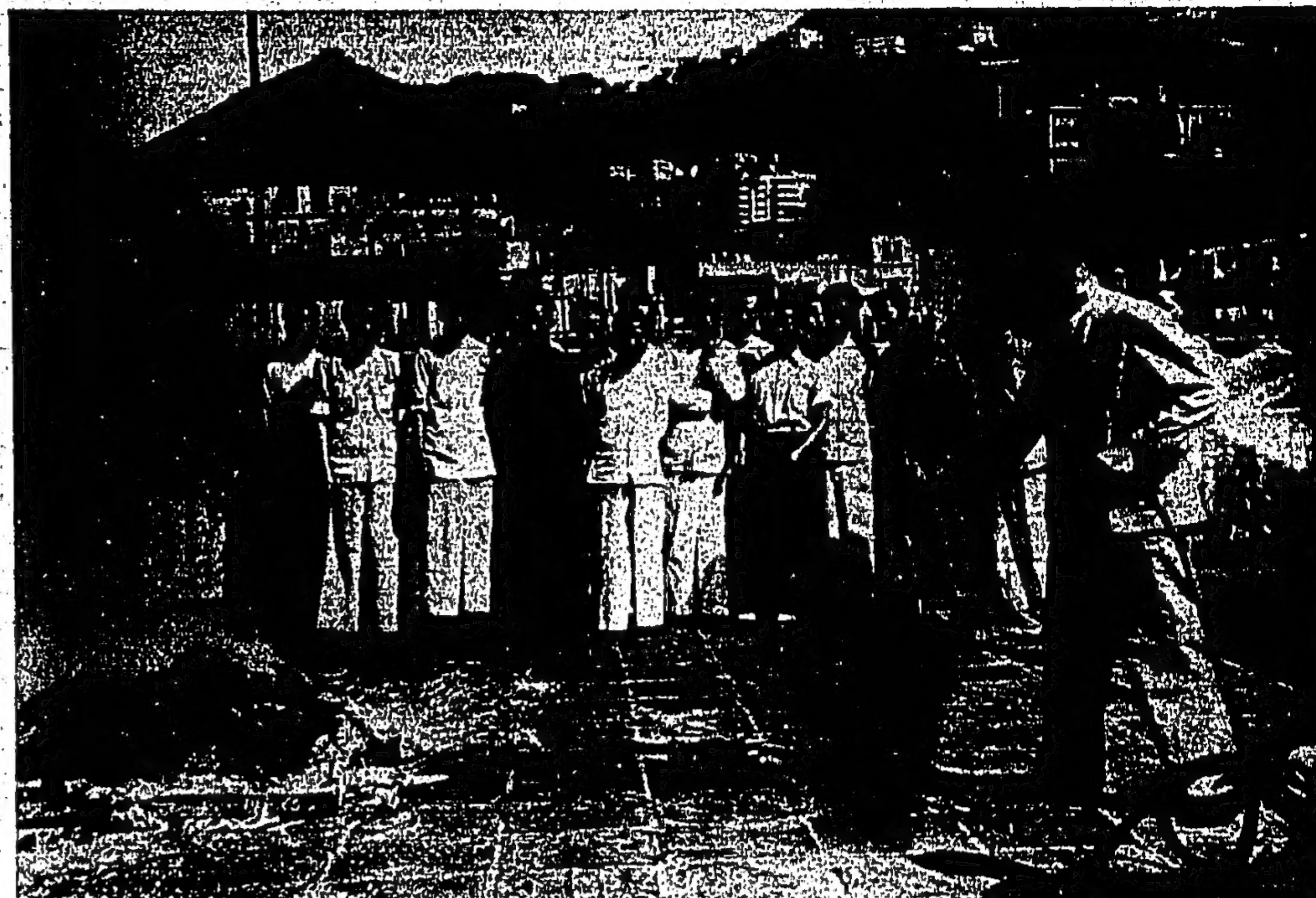
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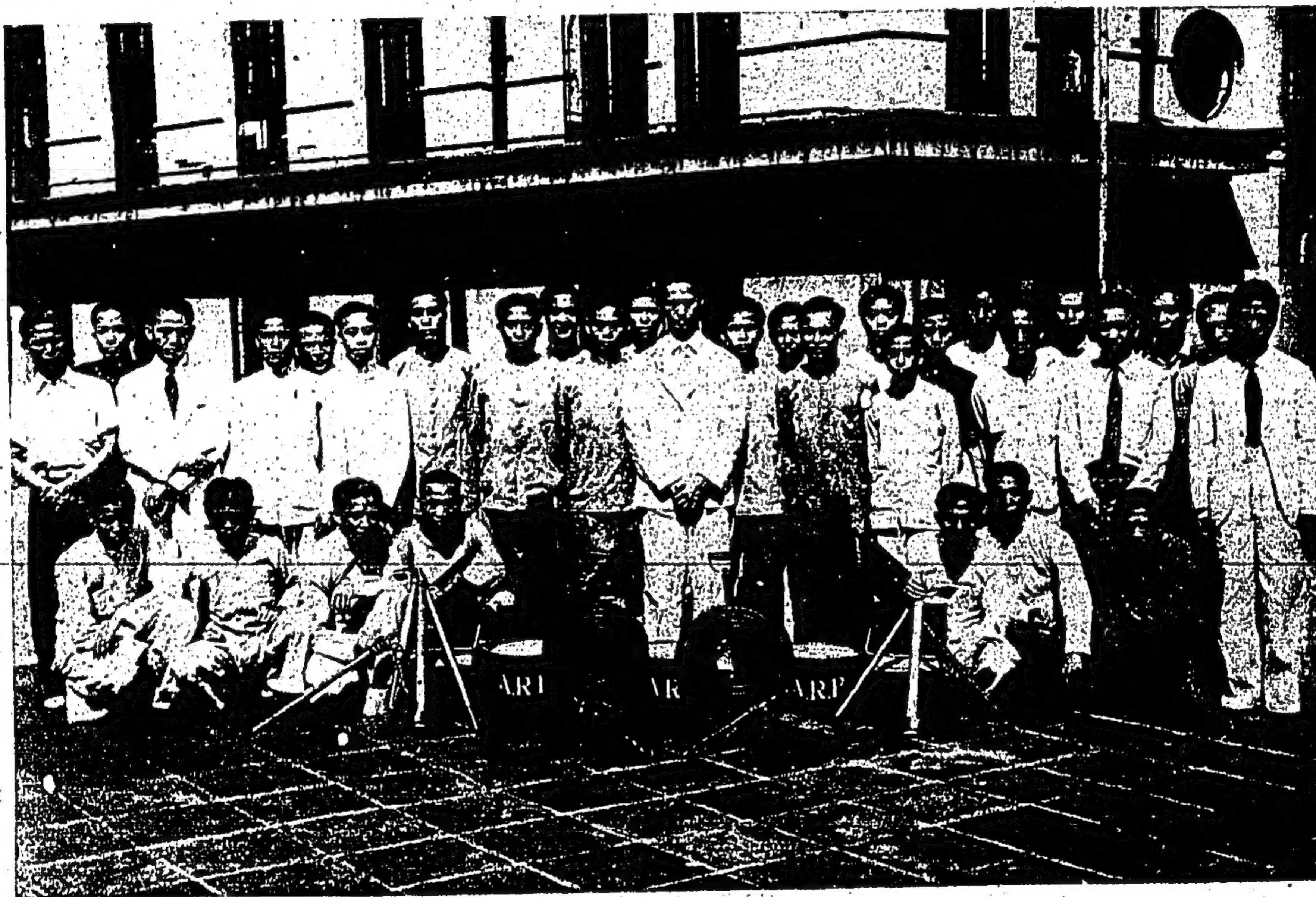
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1941.



## MORNING POST BUILDING A. R. P. SQUAD

Photographs on this page were taken at a recent demonstration by the South China Morning Post Air Raid Precautions Squad on the roof of the Morning Post Building.

Fourteen members of the staff have passed the Hongkong A. R. P. examination, Mr Lam Yung-fai (centre lower picture), who is in charge of the Squad, having qualified as L.A.R.P.S., and thirteen others having passed the House Wardens examination.



The lower picture includes those who have qualified together with others who are at present undergoing the course, it being intended to bring the number of the personnel up to thirty.

The pictures at the top of the page show burning shavings and paper, previously saturated in oil, being quickly extinguished by using foam and chemical extinguishers and stirrup pumps.

Other members of the staff are qualified to administer first aid.

By the beginning of February tons of bombs dropped on London. German planes had been doing, 825 tons on Birmingham, plastering London with bombs 657 tons on Southampton, 552 of every calibre for exactly six tons on Coventry and 178 tons on Bristol. Total quantity dropped on Great Britain during this month, 6,747 tons.

The raids have gone on day and night. Even though there have been short interruptions—especially recently—one can land 4,588 people were killed by safely say that the British bombs in November, so that capital has been subjected to a about 1½ tons of bombs were constant bombardment for six necessary to kill one man.

Now, what are apparent and that in November alone some 5 intrinsic results of this six-months random bombing of a diaries) were strewn over the great city? The results might city on the Thames. Making be drawn up in the form of a conservative estimate for a balance sheet from the most im- six-months basis, this would portant figures.

From August 1941 until the end of January 1941, London had more than 450 air raids, lasting for about 1,250 hours. According to the official German war communiques, some 100-600 tons of bombs were dropped on each night of November. Taking the minimum of 100 tons per night and limiting the number of raids to 150 nights, we have about 15,000 tons of bombs (as a minimum) dropped on London.

An official Berlin report gives the following details of the quantity of bombs dropped on Great Britain during November: 8,187

## BOMBS ON LONDON

more than 2,000, and the injured to not more than 3,000.

This would bring the total casualties—not deaths only, but killed and injured—for the whole of England to less than 60,000, or approximately 1½ per thousand of the population. If casualties in London are reckoned at a much higher rate, they will still be hardly more than 3-4 per thousand.

No statement has yet been made on the number of houses in London destroyed or damaged by bombs, but Churchill's description still stand to-day: "If you go to the top of Primrose Hill or any of the other edifices of London and look round, no one standing there would know that any harm had been done to our city." Even after the buildings burnt in the Great City fire have been added, the total

number of buildings destroyed within three weeks. Forty-eight hours after the most violent of these attacks, production at the factory was only half normal.

The most interesting figures, however, must be those for loss of production. Here estimates 30 per cent. below normal. The greatest danger for British production lay in the expectation that the workers would not leave their shelters for the duration of the raids.

As a matter of fact, during the first days of the raids, when the sirens were heard the workers did stream into their air raid shelters and most of them did not return to work until the all-clear had been sounded. But they very soon got used to them. They realised that the raids by no means entailed that enormous danger which had been feared.

Above all, it became clear to them that with each alarm, only a small part of the city or of the surrounding districts was really endangered. Just when

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this psychological effect had been achieved and the fear of the unknown overcome, look-out as the day-light raids have been reduced to minimum proportions.

From September 1939 until January 1941—that is, during the first 17 months of the War—approximately 25,000 people in Great Britain have been killed by bombs, but in that same period some 14,000 were killed in road accidents. Unhappily, the percentage of women and children who have lost their lives in raids is alarmingly high—about 10,000 women and more than 3,000 children.

The figures showing the direct cost to the Germans of their raids over Britain are interesting.

From the outbreak of war until the end of January 1941, about 3,100 German planes in all have been shot down. Thus some 8,000 German airmen have been put out of action, being either killed or taken prisoner.

The official British communiques, however, only take into account those planes and airmen killed or taken prisoner, that are either shot down over Britain or seen to fall into the sea. It has happened repeatedly that the official German reports are to-day is proceeding at almost

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## HALF-YEARLY BALANCE SHEET



# Deanna's New Film is a Tease

Any Deanna Durbin picture, pleasant experience reassures, will have good people in it doing good things. In an atmosphere of good feeling, its morals and taste will be high, its medium low, its suspense medium. Miss Durbin will sing. Sometimes Miss Durbin will sing because her singing advances the story; sometimes she will just sing. Her father will be a man of mature charm; she will be closer to him than to her mother, if any; he will like her better than her sisters, if any. She will live in a small town, or if it's a big one, she will treat it as if it were little. Everybody will like her; she will like everybody; and when for a spell she's unhappy, it will all be because of misunderstanding a good person, rather than understanding correctly a bad one. There are no bad ones in Deanna Durbin pictures.

Thus it is clear that the question mark after the title "Nice Girl?" in Miss Durbin's newest is a tease. There is no, and can never be any, question as to Miss Durbin's niceness. Joe Pasternak, the producer of all Miss Durbin's pictures, and the establisher of their agreeable mold, knows niceness when he's got it and values it properly. He doesn't insist on it for everyone—he also produces now Marlene Dietrich's pictures—but let her who's got it keep it.

And so, in "Nice Girl?", Miss Durbin's father is Robert Benchley, the best—Durbin father yet, and in lieu of a mother there's Helen Broderick, sage and cook. And Miss Durbin's beau is Robert Stack. He's shy and wholesome, whereas Franchot Tone, mistaken menace, is not shy, but wholesome. The tedium's low, the suspense's medium, and Miss Durbin sings.

The film is showing at the King's Theatre.

## ANDY HARDY MEETS DEBUTANTE

A long-range infatuation for the Number One Glamour Girl of New York society brings a sea of troubles on Andy Hardy's head in "Andy Hardy Meets Debutante," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. But it also brings wave after wave of laughter to the legion of Hardy Family fans.

The picture brings Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland together for the third time in their careers, and the first time since "Babes in Arms." Mickey runs true to form, and Judy both sings and acts as the girl friend. Dianna Lewis plays the part of the dazzling debutante.

Somehow politics seem thoroughly incongruous in a Hardy picture, and it is rather a pity that a defence of democracy and the wagging of the Star Spangled Banner should have found a place in this otherwise bright and amusing film.

Luckily it is only in the ending that this element is introduced. The opening is a piece of joyous fooling, with Mickey boasting about his acquaintance with the debutante who, needless to say, he has never met.

However, when Judge Hardy is called to the city Mickey has to go and there his bluff is well and truly called.

Lewis Stone and the rest of the Hardy family are as good as they ever were.

## News Notes

The new screen version of the famous musical comedy, "No, No, Nanette," is due soon at the King's Theatre. This Herbert Wilcox film has Anna Neagle in the leading role, and is reported to be one of the brightest things of the season.

When Shirley Temple finishes "Panama Hattie" under her new contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, she will be co-starred with Wallace Beery in "Lazy Bones." Leo Carillo will also be in the cast.

Clark Gable, who is almost through working on "The Uniform," in which Rosalind Russell is featured, will next play "Honky Tonk." In the latter film, he will have Lana Turner playing opposite him. Lana is being given meatier parts on the strength of her good work in "Ziegfeld Girl."

All America is raving over Veronica Lake, Paramount's new star, called the new Blonde Bombshell. She has the leading female role in "I Wanted Wings." Critics are comparing her with the late Jean Harlow, and many think that she has a promising career ahead.

There is talk of Chinese film producers in Hongkong planning to make a picture in English dialogue. A well-known socialite is said to have been approached to take the female lead, and she is said to be quite intrigued with the whole idea and may accept.

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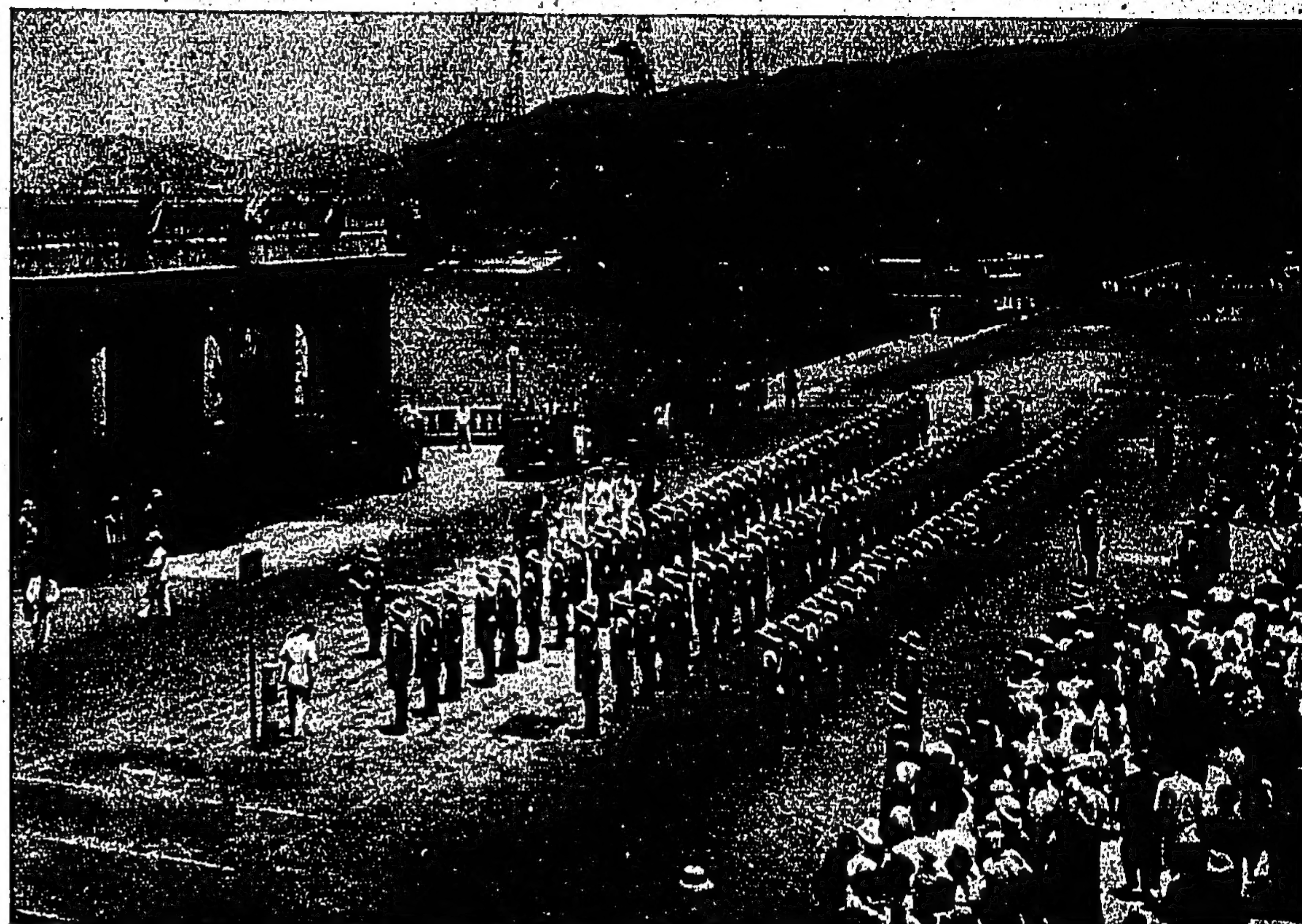
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## FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF GOVERNOR OF MACAO



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, paid his first official visit to Hongkong last week. On the right is a general view of the landing scene at the Praya. The distinguished visitor was welcomed by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and (above) inspected the Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Moo Cheung).



COMMANDER TEIXEIRA greeted (above) by Sir Robert Ho Tung, who gave a garden party at his Peak residence in honour of the visiting Governor. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



AT GARDEN PARTY — Photo taken at the garden party shows (above, left to right) Sir Robert Ho Tung, H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, H.E. the Governor of Macao, Senhora Teixeira and the Hon. Sir Robert Kotowall. At right, Commander Teixeira taking the salute on landing. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



ENTERTAINED AT THE RACES—Commander and Senhora Teixeira (right) photographed with the Chief Justice, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor, at the Hongkong Jockey Club before last Saturday's race meeting. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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LEAVING HONGKONG—Mr J. W. Woollard, Fire Brigade officer, who is shortly leaving the Colony, was the guest of honour at a reception at the Gloucester Hotel recently, given by members of the Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service. Photo shows those who attended; Mr Woollard is seated in centre. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



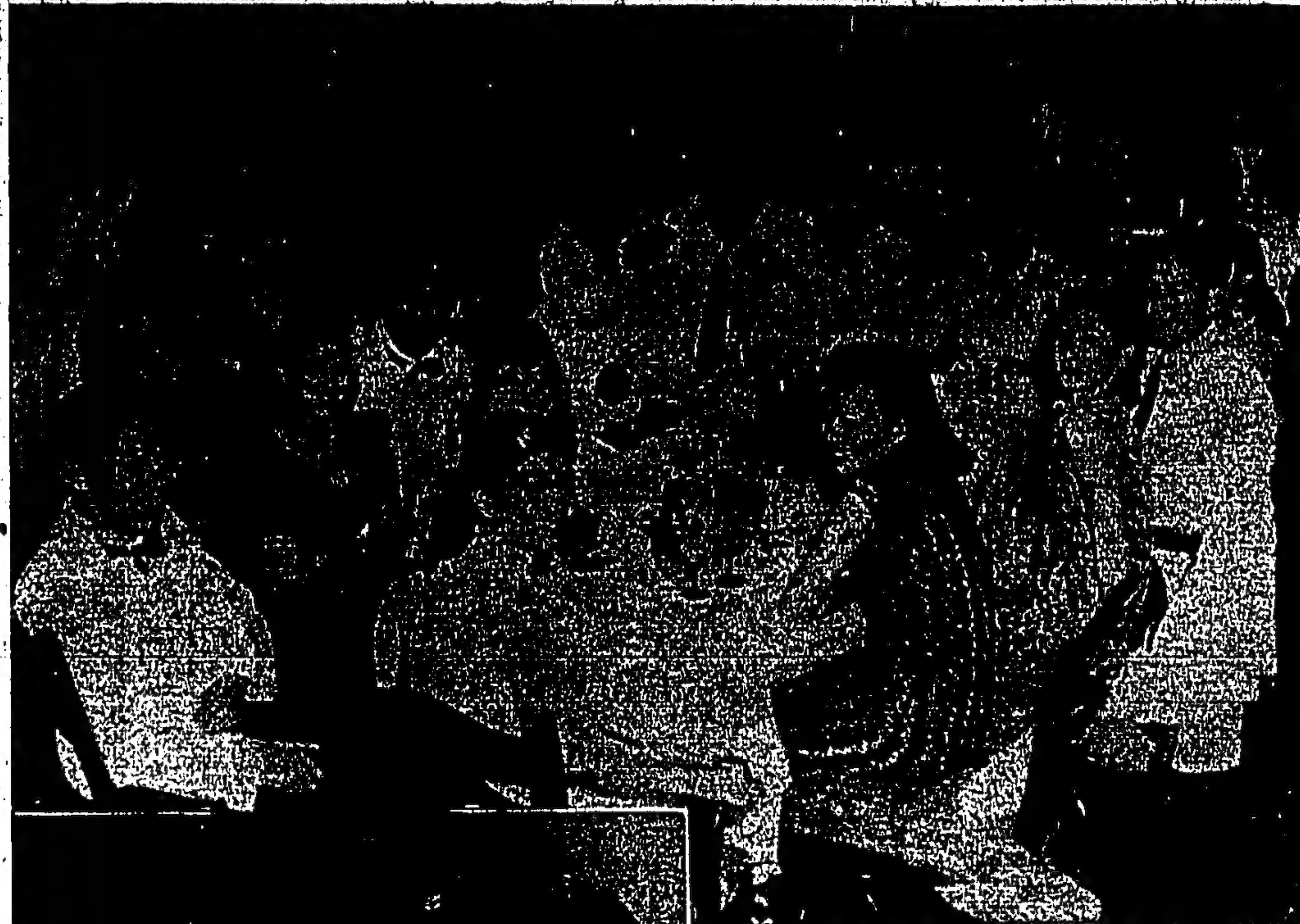
ROLLER SKATING QUEEN—Miss May Shun Chun, who won top honours at the roller skating contest held under the auspices of the Chinese National Women's Relief Association last weekend. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



GUIDES of the 6th Kowloon Company, who won the silver cup, at the annual Girl Guides Rally held at the Diocesan Girls' School last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Group taken after the marriage at the Registry, Supreme Court, recently of Mr Lo Shiu-kin and Miss To Yee-kin. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



AT THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE dance last Saturday at the Peninsula Hotel. Left:—Mrs Loo Gwok-ying presenting prizes. Above:—a happy party, including Mr A. R. Markar, Miss Cruz, Mr A. H. Baker, Mr and Mrs A. J. Hussain, Mr R. J. Fonton, Mr A. M. Omar, Mr A. R. Razack, Mr E. R. Markar, Miss Lily Charrington, Miss Ida Ma and Miss Chan. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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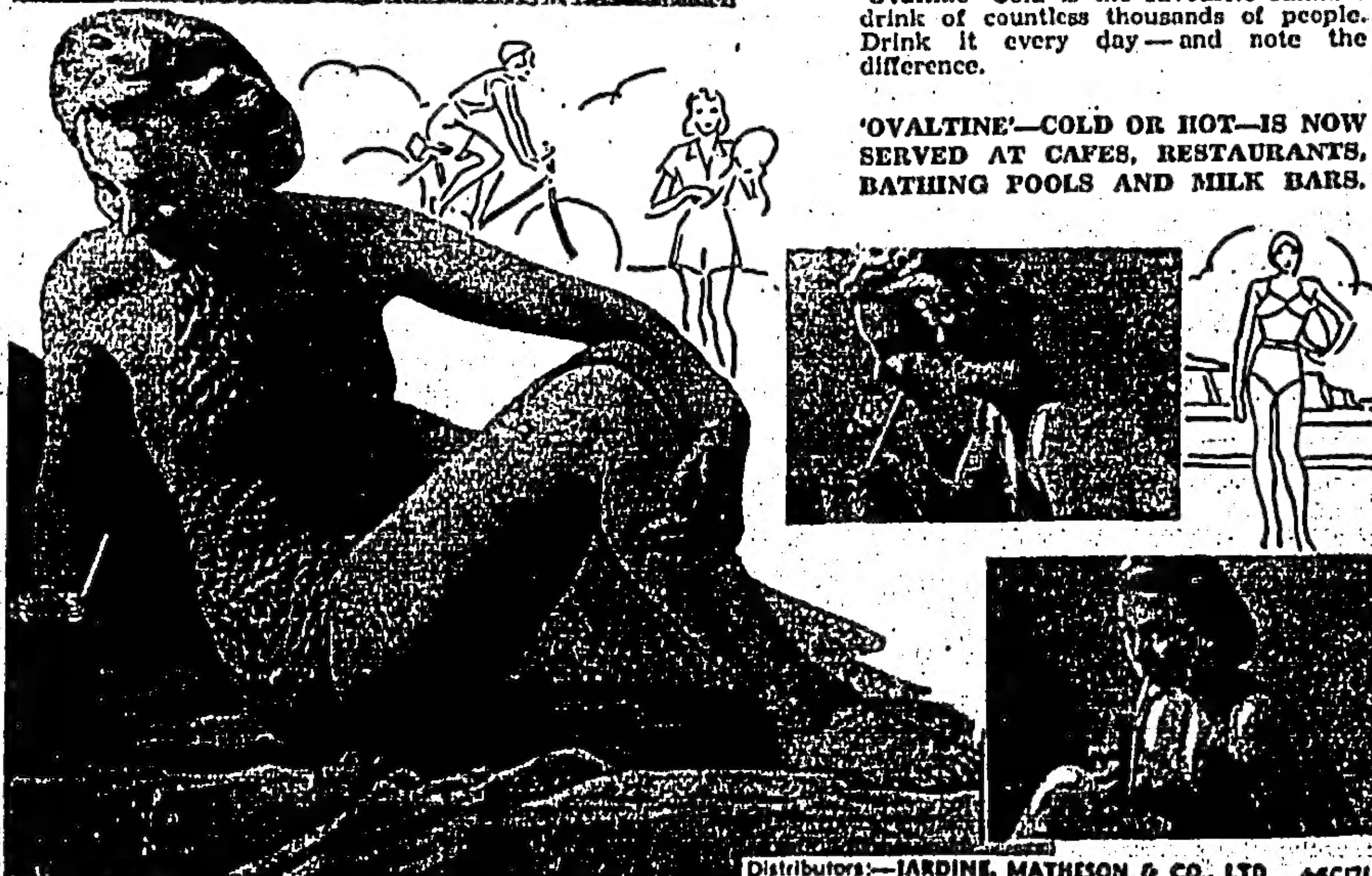


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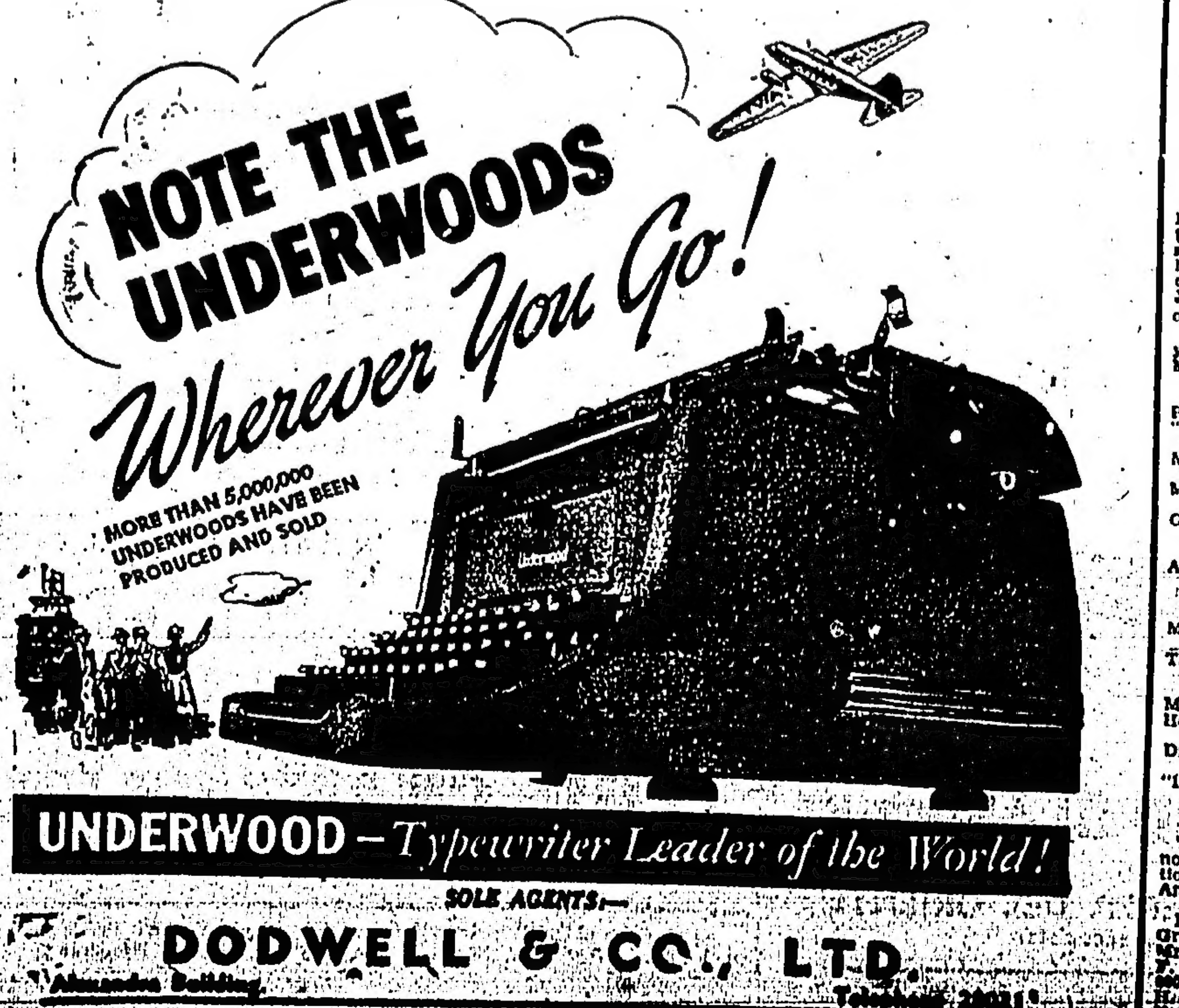


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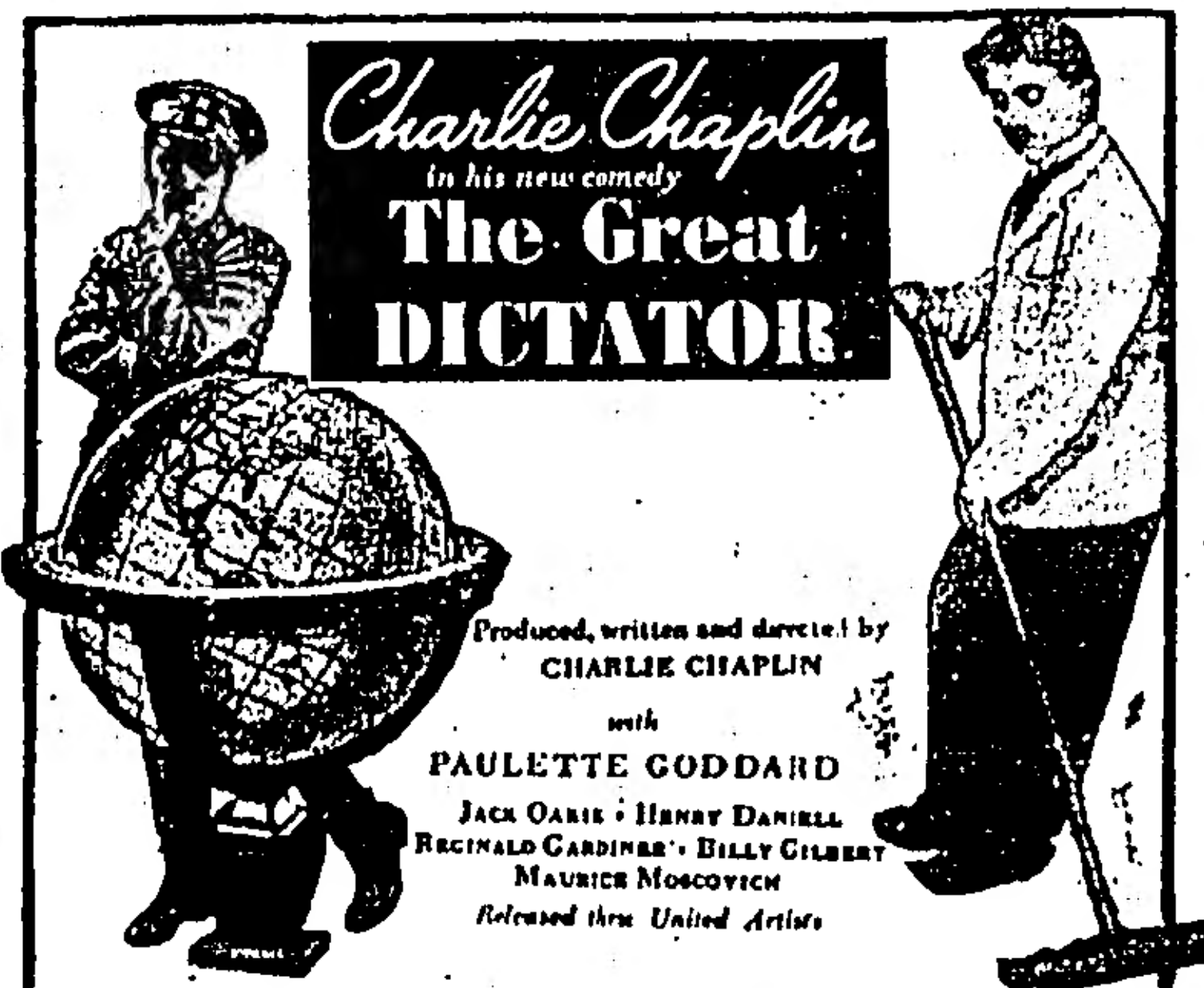
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## CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutiner

The French agreement with Hitler, by which Pétain's Government agrees to co-operate with the Reich, is rather despicable, for it is obviously made at the expense of France's former allies. Moreover, such advantageous terms could never have been gained if the British Empire had not continued the war.

It is not strange that Hitler, Goebbels and Goering should attract to their side men of the calibre of Laval, Darlan and Quisling, not one of whom in normal times would be accepted by the respectable people of the respective countries, but it is surprising that the people should not protest against such a betrayal of trust.

If Syria is to be handed over to the Germans as a base for operations in Iraq, it is clear that the army in Palestine must invade the French mandated territory. If Syria, then Morocco and Tunisia also become involved as well as French Somaliland, which would immediately fall to the Allied forces in East Africa.

While the French government under Marshal Pétain is anxious to obey its German masters, and besmirch French honour, it is certain that the common people pray for the British victory which their government by its actions is doing everything to prevent.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" states that when Jean Gabin, a leading film actor in France, arrived in New York recently he was asked what the attitude of the French was towards the British.

"We are both pro and anti-British," he said. "Those who are pro-British say each night in their prayers: 'Please God let the gallant British win quickly.' Those who are anti-British say each night in their prayers: 'Please God let the dirty British win right away.'"

### SYRIA

Syria is the term used vaguely to describe the whole region from the eastern Mediterranean coast to the banks of the Euphrates, bounded on the north by the Anatolian plateau, and on the south by the Arabian desert. More particularly, the term applies to the region north of the line and Transjordan. It consists of a fertile coastal belt, then mountainous areas, sloping down to grasslands and the Arabian desert.

Before the Great War, an Arab nationalist movement developed, and this found expression in the establishment of an Arab Kingdom under the Emir Faisal at Damascus in 1920. By the peace settlement, Syria became a French mandated territory under the League of Nations. The mandate was "A" class, like that of Iraq, which contemplated eventual independence; and ever since the French have been trying to reconcile Arab nationalism with minority claims and their own interests.

In 1921 they ceded the district of Cilicia, lying between the Asia Minor coast and the Taurus mountains, to Turkey, and just before the present war they handed over the valuable port of Alexandretta and the old city of Antioch in north Syria as well.

The remainder of Syria was organised as two Republics. The Lebanese Republic, with the port of Beirut as its capital, occupies the coast from the Palestine frontier to Tripoli, and the Syrian Republic, with Damascus for its capital, the remainder. In this state, the Jebel Druze and certain other areas enjoy a certain degree of autonomy. The Arab nationalists desired a united state and looked at the progress of Iraq towards independence and membership of the League of Nations (achieved 1932) with envy; the history of the mandate was sometimes stormy, but in 1936 treaties of

friendship were signed with the two Republics which did much to ease the tension.

With the outbreak of war Syria became of great importance, for it provided the connecting link between Britain in Egypt and Palestine with Turkey, and also between Turkey and Iraq. Further, a pipe line from the Mosul oilfields ran through Syria to Tripoli. Syria became the headquarters of the strategic army of the East under General Weygand, who had under his immediate command there 100,000 to 150,000 troops.

General Weygand was succeeded in May 1940 by General Mitelhäuser as Commander-in-Chief. He in turn

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was replaced by General Fougère, who was more amenable to the Vichy Government. The High Commissioner, M. Puaux, after a period of doubt, decided to obey the orders of Marshal Pétain, but in November he was replaced by the notorious ex-Chief of Police in Paris, M. Chiappe. After Chiappe's death, while flying over the Tyrrhenian sea, General Dentz, who surrendered Paris to the Germans, was appointed High Commissioner.

### VON PAPEN AND TURKEY

The ostentatious manner in which von Papen returned to Ankara this week suggests that he is very sure of himself and of Turkey's collaboration in the economic sphere at least. Hitler's Ambassador at Ankara has a reputation for diplomatic manners, but this in itself is hardly sufficient to account for his extraordinary survival of major blunders.

As German military attaché in Washington at the beginning of the last war, carelessness of the most comprehensive kind led to his being unmasked as an organiser of espionage and sabotage in the country, then at peace, to which he was accredited. He and his colleague, Captain Boyd, were expelled from America in December 1916, and the seizure of his papers by the British authorities at Falmouth yielded the names of 128 German secret agents in the U.S.A.

As ambitious post-war politician and Chancellor of Germany, von Papen committed the fundamental error of imagining that he could use the Nazi party. His two secretaries and best friends, von Bose and Jung, were murdered in his own office in the Purge of 1934, and he himself barely escaped with his life. This, however, did not prevent him from taking service under the Nazis.

After the murder of Dollfus in July 1934, Hitler sent von Papen to Austria, where he negotiated the new Austro-German agreement two years later. The bullying of Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden in February 1938, which preceded the Nazi invasion of Austria, is said to have been von

Papen's idea, Hitler having previously refused to meet any loyal Austrians.

Von Papen's experience of the shady side of diplomacy doubtless recommended him to Hitler in spite of his mistakes. After his return from America in 1918 he served as German liaison officer in the Turkish Army. Nazi methods of diplomacy are indicated by the German Transoceanic News Service of February 27, which quotes the Madrid paper, "Falcon," as saying that "although Mr Eden was received by some members of the Turkish Government, the fact must not be overlooked that on the preceding day the German Ambassador von Papen had given a banquet in honour of Turkey's Premier and the Foreign Minister. The showing of the German film 'Victory in the West' at this banquet made a profound impression on the guests. Recent events in the near East confirm this view."

### JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC

The Japanese have been making strong efforts to bring the China incident to an end, and the latest drive in Shansi and Hupch suggests that they mean business before American aid can become really effective. The pact with Russia has released several divisions from Manchuria, which of course pleases Stalin, who continues to help China with arms and munitions of war.

Russia's chief aim is keep the peace within her own borders and see to it that those who threaten them will gratify their aggressive instincts by fighting elsewhere.

Mr Matsuo included Russia for the first time this week in referring to the policy of the Axis powers. It sounded rather strange, but there it was. The miracle has happened—Stalin kissed Matsuo on the station platform at Moscow, and the latter now reciprocates that affectionate embrace. Japanese suspicions of Soviet intentions all these years have been apparently misplaced, and now everything is pleasantly arranged.

Japan proceeds to the conquest of China with Russian connivance, and China resists with Russian help, and this is preliminary to the mastery of East Asia. The stage is set, and powerful forces are lining up in Malaya, in the Philippines and in Hawaii. America is regarded in Japan as a country which has dedicated its life to isolationism and appeasement. But letters in the American press—and they are fairly numerous—read by Japanese statesmen would quickly disabuse their minds of such ideas about the United States. It is certain that there is not only a strong attachment to China in the United States, but a deep antagonism to Japan which is demanding warlike expression. So far from Japan being regarded in America as a second Germany she is now identified with Italy. While an extension of the war to the Pacific would be regarded in America as a calamity, it is also felt that it might very well be a good thing for the allies if it did occur.

The decision in this matter rests with Japan, however, and not with the allies, whose policy is one of defence and not aggression.

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